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To Sir Thos. Lowther Bar.t
at Maske in Cleveland
near Gisborough in Yorkshire

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Mid-Temple
29 Sept. 1720.

Dear Sr.

I receivd your obliging Letter of the 19th Curt. and thank you for it, as well as for all your favours of that kind while you was abroad. I had sooner writ to you but I was willing first to have S.r Robert de Nouille's Ans.r to the Enquiries he was desired to make concerning an Impression of the New Testament in Arabick which Mons.r Boucher tells me you was very kindly Solicitous to promote. I have at Last receivd S.r Roberts Ans.r but tis far from being full, & therefore by order of y.e Society, I have sent Instructions to M.r Hastings a member of our Society now at Utrecht, to perfect the S. Enquiries. In the mean time, the draught of a Proposal for Carrying on this undertaking is now sent to the Press and may I hope be ready for the Society's Approbation at their next meeting this day Seinight: unless the prospect of any further meterial should oblige them to defer it. And among the names of several members proposd to be inserted at the end of it as Receivers of Benefactions in imitation of what you wr done at y.e End of y.e Last Volum. of Letters relating to the Malabar Mission I am ordered to desire you would give Leave for S.r inserting your name wch I hope you will not decline giving, since S.r John Philipps Mr Dolins, & several other worthy members of Yor Acquaintance will bear you Company.

My Lord Chancellor was pleasd this week to Signifie his opinion by one of his Chaplains (M.r Pearce) that in point of Law there is nothing to be objected to the Society's method of Collecting Benefactions for the Purpose above mentiond.

I am very ~~sorry~~ much Concern'd to hear of the continuance of your Ague and have therfore Subjoin'd a Rec.t against that distemper wch has been often beneficial even in Cases where the Bark has Fail'd.

S.r John Phillips is gone th. w.h his Lady to Pembrookesh. but by a Letter I rec.d Lately from him was in good health Mr. Dollins is well & returns his humble Service to you as does Mr. Shute &c.a Particularly in hopes of enjoying yr. Company early this Winter at y.r Weekly meetings of Society.

My most humble Service to your Sister whom I have y.e honour to be known to, and be assur'd that.

I am

Dear S.r

Your most obliged
humble Serv.t

Henry Newman

Rec.t to Cure an Ague
when y.e Jesuits bark has fail'd.

Take 3 Spoonfulls of Juice of Lemon in y.e Cold fit & as y.e Cold fit goes off take a pint of Strong white wine, the patient will then upon Sweat & if it does not Cure at one taking, it must be repeated 2 or 3 times.

~~Bp~~ Fowler of Glocester Cured Several Score of persons by this Rec.t only & Mr. Dollins having Lately Communicated it to a friend at Bath rec.d y.e Thanks of a Family for the great benefit they had rec.d by it.

For Tho. Greene Esq.
at Westmin.

Mid. Temple
1. Octob. 1720.

S.r

The Bearer Mrs Cooper is a clear Starch by Trade & is now so full of business beyond what she & her Mother can do that she desires me to recommend to her a Charity Girl for an Apprentice; she will be content to take any such Child with the customary Allowance of your School & to teach her to understand & do the same business by wch she gets a good livelihood. She has washd my Linnen for 4. or 5. years past to great Satisfaction, and during that time I have always heard a good Character of her for industry & Sobriety, and her Mother assures me that she constantly goes to Church every Lords Day & will set any Serv.t She has a good Example in that as well as other respects. If there be any of your Girls fit & willing to accept of such a Service, I believe they would be well placed & your favouring her with a good one will oblige

S.r

[redacted]

The dont desire to have any money with the Child, but that what is usually given with them be laid out in Cloaths & necessaries for the Child.

To D.r Mangey
Chap. to L.d Bp of Lond.

Mid. Temple
5. Oct.r 1720.

Rev.d S.r I have not neglected to obey y.r orders for enquiring after Mr. Galpin's Character from a Rev.d Divine in his Neighbourhood, & have rec.d the answer enclosd wch when you have communicated as you shall think proper, if you please to return it I will perhaps shew it to a Gent. who may perhaps have it in his power to recommend him to a Living unless My L.d Bp of London has any Cure and for me. I am S.r y.r most obed.t Hum.e Serv.t

To My Lord A. Bp of Cant.

My Lord I have but this morn. rec.d a 2d. Proof from the Press ~~upon~~ of the Proposal for Printing the N. Test. in Arabick which has been delay'd ~~the longer~~ for want of the Consent of some Gent. to publish their Thoughts concerning it: There is still wanting D.r Bridges's Opinion and leave to publish it, wch. I hoped he will not refuse. As it is, the Society will be very thankfull for yr. Grace's ~~sentiments~~ approbation of it, & any corrections you shall be pleas'd to signify ~~before it~~ in order to its being published will be ~~made~~ conformed to with the utmost respect by the Society, as well of ~~an~~

My Lord
Yr. Grace's most obed.t
humble Serv.t H. N.

Wind: Temple
S. Oct.r 1720.

To Messrs. Berlin Schultze

Middle Temple London
11. Octob. 1720.

Dal & Kiftenmacher at
Trangobar on the Coast of Comandel.

Rev. Sirs. Gentlemen It was sometime after the departure
of the last Ships for Bengal for Fort St. George that the Society
Dartmouth Capt. Carter. received the melancholy very unwelcome news of Mr. Zeigenbalg
Death on which occasion they bear heartily condole
with you and all the Brethren to the Mission. This the
will of God it shd be so, and therefore we must be
resign'd, with all that Submission which becomes the work of
his hands; He knows how to accomplishing the
great gracious purposes for the advancemt of His
Kingdom among the Heathen without being confined to the
narrow Schemes & views we have of the ways of
Providence It was however not a little consolation
to us under so great a loss as the Mission
has suffers by his death to be informed at ye same time
of his safe arrival in India & to hear of the prosperity
of the Mission under his Care. I shall
ye had pleased
not be particular in the account I give you of
Mr. Zeigenbalg
and though in you have lost an excellent
Pattern of Ardent & Discreet Zeal accompanied with other extraordinary
qualifications for the Service of the Mission, you
may reap many advantages from the Labours of this Great man
& his Colleagues who preceded you as must abundantly
facilitate the work you are engaged in, compared with the
difficulties they encountered when they first set out in it;
You have the same good God to conduct & support you
as they had, and the Society hope you will be animated to
pursue the work of the Mission with the same prudence & cheerfulness as your Predecessors have
done. I doit write to Mr. Grundler at Berlin because
by their last Advices he must ere now be in his way to
Europe. God send him safe hither & make him instrumental to
remove

remove such obstacles as still continue to discourage the Mission. For you have already surmounted very great difficulties as were thought invincible, why therefore may we not still hope that those which remain may at last be overcome by the same Divine Blessing attending yr. Labours.

This goes by one of the Company's Ships as a forerunner of those wch are to follow in Jan.y next by Land and therefore I take leave to refer you to the advices that will then be sent to you more largely in the name of the Society.

W. Boalum is well & salutes you, in hopes to write then as he would have done now, if the Notice of y.e Ships Motion had not been too short for it. Prof. Francke also was well by y.e last advices from Germany.

I have not recd the Letters for the King, the Abp of Cant. nor the Society wch W. Grundler's Lett.rs of y.e 18.th of Dec.r 1719. informs me were sent by Gov.r Collet, and tho Gov.r Collet be arrivd, he tells me he knows nothing of them: Perhaps they did not reach Fort St. George till after he had left it.

I receivd however several Packets for Germany & Copenhagen wch have been all forwarded as directed, & also several Copies of the 4.to first Books of Moses, & of the New Testam.t in Malabarick wch shall be distributed as you desire.

I thank W. Kittenacker particularly for his Letter of y.e 30.th of Aug. 1719. wch being communicated to y.e Society was very acceptable.

God almighty direct & prosper you & your Labours for building up the Christian Church in a heathen Country & endow you with all Fortitude, Unanimity, Patience & Zeal as will always be necessary to carry you through the difficulties you are to encounter in so important an undertaking, & may you ever be in a peculiar manner accompanied with the Grace & Protection of Christ, always till you have finished your course with Joy & have attained those Mansions of Rest & Glory he is gone before to prepare for his faithful Servants.

I am the wishes of the Society as well as

Rev.d Sir your most obed.t humble Serv.t

Your humble Servt to W. Ziegenbalg. Delict.

H. N.

To Henry Hastings Esq.
at Utrecht Holland.

Middle Temple
13 Octob. 1720.

Dear Sr.

I rec'd your obliging Lett. of the 15th & 22d Curt. N. S. and ~~have communicated it to Mr. Boehm & the other Members of the~~ Committee ~~to~~ whom this matter is refer'd to ~~from their pleasure~~ who desire you would accept their Thanks for the pains you have taken in the affair of the Trad. N. Test. in Arabick. When you will see what Mr. Negri has drawn up by way of Answer which the Committee I have sent you a Copy of, the original being a rough draught on 2. Sheets of Paper. As to Golius's Edition of Erpenius's Grammar he does not suppose the Types if they are in being would be fit for our use, but whoever has the Types has also very likely the Matrices or punchions from which those Types were made, and 'tis these he desires may be enquir'd after being as he thinks far more beautifull than the Specimens you sent over. And for other matters you will please to be refer'd to Mr. Negri's Letter wch I hope may be intelligible tho' I have hastily transcribed it. The Society can take no Resolution whether to print it in Holland or here till they know the lowest Terms on wch it may be done in Holland, which they hope you will be able to inform them after receit of this: but their first care is to be satisfy'd in the beautifull Types and at what rate one or more Fonts may be purchased in Holland, for 2. Fonts will be necessary for 8000. Copies, tho' perhaps they may when they know the Expence, content themselves with printing so many Psalters, & that Number of Testaments which they leave to yr. prudence to convert in such manner that they may enlarge or contract as their Fund will enable them. I thank you for your News & yr. care of the 2d. Vol. of the Hist. of N-England wch yr. Lady sent to me this morn: the who I heard is well & intends to write to you by this mail. The News of the Kings coming over speedily (as they say) raises Stocks 40. pr Cent. i.e from 130. to 220. l. I wish a Peace & am

D. Sr. Yr. most obliged humble Servt

H N.

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To ye Rev^d Mr Osterwald
at Neufchatel

Middle Temple 19th Oct 1720.

Reverend S^r

from Mr Chamberlayne

I have received a Copy of the Arguments and ~~of Neufchatels~~ Reflections on the Holy Scriptures used in the Churches of Neufchatel as a present to our Society from the Venerable Body of your Clergy, and shall at their first meeting after the Vacation lay it before the Society by whom you may be sure it will be most thankfully Accepted both on account of ye Excellent Powers, & ye invaluableness of the Work they have been pleased to transmit as a testimony of their respect. I am heartily Concerned at what Mr Chamberlayne informes me of the ill State of your health, and beseech GOD to restore it if it be his will for the good of his Church to which you have been so eminent a blessing.

My humble Service to your Worthy Son & be pleased to believe that I am with the greatest respect

Rev^d S^r

Your most Obedient humble Servt

H. N.

Memorandum

Dr Bridges was wrote to the 20. October a 2^d Lett. to desire his opinion concerning the Proposal for printing ye N. Test: in Arab.

20. Oct. 1720. Wrote to V^r Tho. Lowther & Dr Wilkins second Letters for leave to insert their names at ye end of the Proposal for Arab. N. Testam^t

London 22. Oct. 1720.

To the Revd Wm Fox
at Pottern near
the Devizes Wilts.

Rev^d S^r

I hope this finds you safely returned to your family and that you Continue to wish well to the Consultations of the Society Notwithstanding any disgust which you may have apprehended on account of the Little Tract which they have declined

declined Dispersing for reason formerly mentioned. And I hope you may one time or other think it worth your while to obviate the Objections made to it, even though you should thereby do Violence to your own inclinations rather than so useful a Design for the design of it should not be generally dispersed as any other.

According to your desire when in Town 25 Doorman's Help &c. have been left for you at your Brothers which at 7d each Comes to 14.7.

The Proposal for the Arab N. Testament &c. is after many debates near brought to Maturity, & tho' it comes into the World when it finds many of the Rich People in great distress, by Reason of their Late Disappointments in the South Sea Project, perhaps it may not fare the Worse. Considering how Little it would have been encouraged by persons intoxicated with Avarice & if they are not quite undone may probably Contribute more to it now, than if they had Continued in their golden Dream of Prosperity.

Every Day discovers new and sad effects of this amazing Calamity, which has Confounded the Wisdom of ye Wise and Buryd many an avaritious Man in the Pit he had with great pains dug for his Brother, and yet I fear we must see greater Calamities before we shall be brought to a just remorse for our National Crimes, & to an Acknowledgement of the righteous Judgment of the hand that Chastizes us GOD Prepare us for his holy will.

I am

Rev.d and Dear S.r

Your Most humble

Servant

Henry Newman

The Books which
you Desired for our Sid
M.r Millard are also sent
to whom I write by this Post.

To Henry Hastings Esq.
at D.r De Lafaye's at Wheelst.

Mid. Temple
25. Oct. 1720.

Dear S.r

I receivd yours of ye 25.th Cur.t N.o 3 & having Communicated it this day to ye Comittee, they have ordered me to Let you know the sence they have of their Obligation to you for your Care in soliciting the Arab. New Testam.t affair. They have likewise considered M.r Van de Waters Proposal, but as it is a matter of Moment they have adjourn'd the further Consideration of it to this day fortnight, in which time they can [illegible]

of it the Arch Bp and the Society thereon; In the mean time I may acquaint you that Mr. Negri finds abundance of faults in the Letters of the 3 Specimens you sent over compared with the Arabick Psalter which you saw here / Which he says will never pass in Palestine, & that on this, the Success of the undertaking very much depends. Mr Van de waters Proposal is the fairest they have had yet from Holland and 70 odd Pound cheaper than what is offerd here, but then if upon Consulting those who are like to be great Benefactors to it they should be of Opinion the Subscriptions will be abated much more than that advance comes to by reason of its being done abroad: This will alter the Case & is what they desire time to Consider, but I hope they may be able to take a final resolution thereon by this day Sennight.

I forgot in my last to inform that the Revd Mr Doarce My L. Chancellors Chaplain requests by Mr. Negri that you would be pleased to buy for him & bring over at your return

Novi Testamenti versio Armenica in 8vo
Amstelodami 1666 edita ab Usher Episcopo Armeno.

Mr. Negri also begs you would not forget the 2 Books of Wch he gave you a Memorand. and if they are to be had in Paris they will saper Leafe our Cartoon here very well bound

Pray let me know in your next whether my Letters go franck to you having put them hitherto under Cover to Sr Robt Newton

I am
Dear Sr
Your most obedient
humble Servant
Henry Newman

Pr Pray Mr Hodges and Mr Negri with whom I just now parted all send their Service to you

To S.r Rob.t De Neille
at Leyden

Wm. Temple
25. Oct. 1720.

Honoured and Dear S.r

I received last Week ye Syriac N. Test. & Lexicon mentioned in your Letter of the 2. of Last month, & have shewd the Copies to Mons.r Negri, who says ye Work is very elaborately performd with great accuracy & judgment on ye Part of the Professors who had ye Care of it, but that ye Syrian Characters want ye beauty which ye Eastern Nations Love to see in all attempts to imitate their fine Manuscripts by Printing, And even in ye specimen of Arab. Characters, all that we can yet get from Amsterdam of 3 different sorts, besides yours at Leyden are all condemnd by him as what will never pass in Palestine.

You dont tell me whether these Copies are at present to the Society? or from whom? if they are not, pray let me know what I shall do with them?

I repeat the thanks of the Society for your kind present to them of Erpenius's N Testament in Arab. which will be of use to them when they come to compare it with other Copies in order to Judge of ye most perfect for their Purpose.

The Society have not yet taken a final Resolution whether to print it in England or Holland, Because that Depends on the Beauty of the Character, & ye Form in either Country, & the inclination of the generality of their Subscribers wch cannot possibly be known.

I have acquainted ye Society with your Proposal for Disposing of some of ye Syriac N Test.s & they have referrd it to ye Consideration of a Comitee but Considering the Bulk & Price of ye Edition & ye Edition in Arab. will engage all ye Fund which they can at present raise for that undertaking I can give your friend Little Encouragement to Expect Customers from us, except out of Curiosity.

I remain with great respect
Dear S.r
Your most Obliged
humble Servant
Henry Newman

I hope you Excuse the Liberty I take of covering Mr Hastings Letter to you.

To the Rev.
D.r Younger
Dean of Sarum

Mid: Temple
26. Oct. 1720.

Rev.d S.r The Beaver Mrs Dubois Chevalier is a small Pensioner out of the Fund of the Co.n for relieving poor Proselytes, but what she has allowed her being not above 6. pound ^ an. is too small to subsist a person of her age that can do nothing towards a livelihood. By the kind recommendation several years ago she says she was admitted in the late Queen Reign upon her Majesty's List of persons as she was the widow of one of the Exiles to receive the Maundy, but never obtained that favour in this Reign, if you please to certify that what she says is fact, I'll use my best endeavours with the little Interest I have to get her put upon the King's List or the Prince's List next Maundy, & your charity therein will oblige

S.r Y.r most humble Serv.t
H. N.

The Com.rs for relieving
Poor Proselytes would
be glad to see you sometimes
at their Monthly meeting at
S.t Paul's Chapter House.

For the Hon.ble
D.r Sherard
late Consul of Smyrna

Middle Temple
29. Oct.r 1720.

near Barbican Clerk. Hon.d S.r
on Tower Hill.

Y.r great knowledge of the Eastern Countries has drawn on you this address by order of y.e Society for Prom. Xtian Knowledge, to pray the favour that you would be pleased to peruse the enclosed & y.r opinion of the necessity & usefulness of the undertaking therein recommended, wherein you will very much oblige them as well as

S.r Y.r most humble Serv.t
H. N.

Y.r Commands directed to me in the Middle Temple will come safe to me.

To Henry Hastings Esqr.
at Utrecht.

Mid: Temple
1. Novr. 1720.

Dear S^r. The Comittee have endeavoured this day gone through the affair of W. Vandewater's Proposal to go that they might
to lay, on purpose not to help him in Suspense, and the
Archbp having been consulted thereon is of opinion
that it will be more advisable for the Society to print
the Arab. N. Test. it in England notwithstanding the difference of the Expence
and the Society because the Benefactors will be better
disposed to encourage a thing under their Eye which is like to require so much time to accomplish, than
if it be done at a distance abroad, especially considering
also the obj^ection of carrying so much Money out of the Kingdom
the effect of it is generally that the Polyglott Types at a
much greater when complain'd of, are all of a piece
and less liable to Detection than if printed in the Low Countries, besides
the Station that undertakes it, will be
very glad they have seen yet for any undertaking
this a Stationer has offer'd to furnish the Paper necessary; that will be
about 30. l. less than the 11th. Estimate here which I told you
was about 70. l. more than W. Vandewater's
Proposal; so that there will be ab^t. 40. l. difference between the two
Estimates, and that 'tis hop'd may in good measure
be saved by prudent managem^t. & dispatch here for
the Printer promises the New Font shall be ready to begin
to work with in 3. months time. The Comittee
are very sensible of their obligations to you for
y^r. care in this affair, and thank you for y^r. good offices
De Water as much as if they had closed with
his Proposal. M^r. Negri desires you would accept of
his Salutations & begs you would be pleased to remember
to favour him in procuring the books I mentioned in my
last. I am Dear S^r. y^r. most humble Servt. H. N.

I have no News to send you hence, but that we live in daily fear of the Plague wch. our great correspondence with France makes us continually liable to. Lo: Sea is ab^t. 210. l.

To the Rev. Mr. Isaac Watts 14 London: 8. Nov: 1720.
at Mr. Gidding.

Rev.d & Dear.d

Give me leave to admonish you for y.r impatience signify'd in y.r 2. last Letters. Providence has cast y.r Lot among a perverse People to learn Resignation to the Divine Will, meekness under affronts, Patience to endure contradiction, in order to qualify you for a greater Trust. I'm sorry to find you so averse to profit by those Lessons, the want of which perhaps may be one great reason why you are detain'd as it were a prisoner in such disagreable Company. I cannot imagine how the People refusing so small an Expence as 50. Shill.s towards fitting up a School Room for the Charity Child.n must necessarily put you upon destroying y.r self. If you have by a magnatical domineering conduct (pardon the expression for I can't help considering you as in such a light from y.r own letters) labour'd to extort the Benevolence of y.r Neighbours in a matter wherein they were intirely free to do, or not do according as they were inclin'd, consider whether you have not industriously bought upon y.r self the contradictions you groan under.

There are many good men in the world that next to the Grace of God ow their virtues, and even their preferment to some such afflictions as you complain of; A Scolding wife, Impetious Parents, undutiful Child.n Morose & Spiteful Neighbours are all Blessings to the man that considers 'em as chastisments from Heaven, to refine his nature, and to adorn him with the Graces of an Angel; who has the art of circumspection so well as they that are liable to be insulted for every frailty. If a man is too loquacious he soon finds his mistake & grows as Calm as a Lamb among a verbose noisy people: If a man has too high an opinion of ~~his self~~ his own parts, & ability to govern all mankind if they would but tamely lie at his feet, where is he so likely to acquire a just sense of his weakness on these accounts as among a froward & contradictious generation of men.

Dear.s

Dear S^r. compose y^r. self to trust in God, be content to study that Sermon, and to write that Letter, and let your conversation bear edifying & as concise as possible, when you have gain'd these points over yourself depend upon it, you will be called to accept of a translation to a more agreable Living: I took ye freedom to say something to this effect some months time, but you would not believe it.

D^r. S^r. y^r. most faithfull humb. Servt.
H. N.

P.S. I have a very good Lett^r. from W. Cobbe they have subscribed 6000. Rupees wch. is ab^t. 750. l. towards a Ch-Sch. to be opened when the subscriptions are come to 8000. The Ships sail to Bombey generally ab^t. Feb^y.

This Lett^r. is already too long, and therefore I won't enter into reasons why you are not to expect the Society's Cir. Lett^r. till ab^t. the beginning of next month.

To the Rev^d. M^r. John Portman
Rec^r. at Madresfield Worcestsh.

London. 12. Novr. 1720.

Rev^d. S^r. I receiv'd by last Post your favr. of the 8th Curt. with a Bill of 20. pound on Roger Twiddy Esqr. as a Benefaction from a Person that desires to be unknown to the Society for Propagating the Gospel in Foriegn Parts, and have endors'd the same to our worthy Treasurer the Rev^d. M^r. Stute, but before it is applyd to any use I thould be glad to know the intention of the Benefactor whether he would have it applyd to propagating the Gospel in the East or West Indies, because if he means the East Indies, it is to remain in the Treasury of our Society for Promoting Christian Knowledge, but if he means the West Indies it is to be paid to the Treasurer of the Society for Propagating the Gospel in Foreign parts as was done by a former 20. pounds sometime last year, whatever his Commands therein are they shall be obeyd by S^r. y^r.

P.S. since writing the foregoing Letter I have receiv'd the 20. pounds from M^r. Twiddy & paid it to the Rev^d. M^r. Stute.

To the Revd. Mr. Moses Williams Lond. 12. Nov. 1720
at Dyvynog near Brecon.

Revd. Sr. I lately rec'd a Letter from the Worthy Mr. Vaughan of Derlis by which he informes me you had signified to him that you had returned the Little Welch Translation of Bpp Gibsons Family Prayers to the Society some time since upon which I waited on your Lady thinking she might have orders to Deliver it but she tells me she has rec'd none nor is she willing to Deliver any such thing though it were among your Books without your express Orders. This Book is borrowed & I dont know where to get another though I were to give ten times the Worth of it & y Printing of it now is suspended for want of it, Wherefore pray Let me have your orders with out delay for reviving Corrected or not Corrected
Youll Oblige
Sr. Your Very Humble Servant
H N

This is y 3d. Letter
I wrote to you
on this Subject
without any Answ.

The King arrivd in good health
Last night at St. Jamess

To the Revd. Dr. Bridges
in Dover Street

Mid. Temple
25. Nov. 1720.

Revd. Sr.

I acquainted the Society last night with your kind readiness to permit yr. name to be inserted at the End of the Proposal as a Receiver of Benefactions to the Undertaking and Edition of the N. Test. &c. in Arabick, and would accept their thanks for it. I also acqted them with the opinion of the Comittee upon the information you was pleasd to give them wherein the Society unanimously concurrd; and that you may the better remember what is requested of you I have herewith sent a Copy of the Minute taken at y Comittee, being Revd Sr Your most humble Servt

To the Rev.d D. Wilkins
at Lambeth

Mid. Temple
25. Nov.r 1720.

Rev.d & Dear.r

The Society have agreed to entertain W.m Negri as a Superviser & Corrector of the Press for the Edition of the N. Test. & Psalter in Arabick being perswaded of his abilities for such a work, but they think it will not be for their, nor the Nations honour to leave such a work wholly to the discretion of a forreigner, and therefore have orderd me to desire you would be pleas'd to give the last proof a perusal before 'tis wrought off, wherein your Answer before next Tuesday will oblige them &

Rev.d S.r Your.s

To W.m Sam.l Palmer.
Printer in Swan Alley near
Gowell Street.

Mid. Temple
25. Nov.r 1720.

Sir The Society last night agreed to leave it to the Com.tee to finish a Contract with you upon the Terms you propos'd and that you shd be at liberty to take in W.m Downing as a Partner if you think fit. Be pleas'd to signify to the Committee upon what Terms you can board W.m Negri, including Washing & Lodging.

I am Your.s H. W.

To Barth. Beale 2/ Y.[18]
at Heathrose near
Ludlow Shropshire

Mid. Temple
26. Nov. 1720.

S.r I receiv'd y.r favour of the 15.th Curt. & communicated it to S.r John Philips who returns his humble Service & Directions are given for buying the books therein mentioned but the design of this, chiefly, is to answer y.r Postscript about W. G. concerning whom I rec'd the Letter of wch I have sent a Copy with from a Clergy. Correspond. member of an eminent Character & for that reason not on Accot. of his hand (for I pretend by the late Bp of Sarum this I think he was in relation to his Life) but on Accot. of his Merit. This Letter I rec'd from him some time since on Accot. of somebody having accus'd him W. G. to the Bp of London (who gave him orders) as a person insincere in his Conformity and therefore the letter is pointed chiefly to that vindicate him on that Score; but if I do vindicate it does only in general recommend him for his Morals. I have delay'd sending this to you in hopes of having the original to send, wch I have I sent to a Chaplain of the Bps of London, but fearing that may be mislay'd or may never come to my hand, I thot it my duty to let you see how industrious some persons have been to asperse this good man without reason, & tho' it may come too late to y.r hands to do him any Service with y.r Lord who had a living to dispose of, I hope it is still in y.r power to set him right in the opinion of those Gent.

Gent. who have been drawn into a belief of the misrepresentations made of him. I am

S.r Yr.

To Rev.d Mr. Soley
Chaplain at Aleppo

Mid. Temple
6. Decr. 1720.

Rev.d S.r

You will see by the Letters here-with sent what Judgements the Society have had to engage in printing an Edition of the New Testam.t in Arabick, some of which are from yr. Learned Predecessors at Aleppo, and Extracts of them have been printed in order more effectually to recommend the undertaking to the Assistance of such Charitable Gentlemen as may be disposed to contribute to so good a work.

Approved by the Com: 6. Decr. 1720.

I am ordered to send Copies of the original Letters as well as the printed Extracts of them, because there are several usefull Instructions here and there in the Originals, not published in the other, which only concern the Society or their Correspond.ts at Aleppo to know, and it is requested that you would be pleased to take notice of them, with the same regard as if they were repeated here.

The Society were not a little pleased to hear by yr. Letter to the Lord D.r Bray of your safe arrival at Aleppo, after it had pleased God to exercise you with a variety of difficulties in yr. way thither, and particularly with the fit of Sickness you had at Marseilles. They doubt not but your surmounting those difficulties will (if any thing could) add fresh vigour to yr. Zeal for promoting the Glory of our great Master

Among other passages in them there are most
beautifull Characters given by the Rev.d W. Lyde
of the venerable Patriarch of Antioch and the
Excellent and Laborious W. Sherman, in whose
-ledge acquaintance with whom I could almost
Envy myself with you, to partake in the pleasure you
you seem to, if I were not sure that have,
but that I know you are better qualify'd to enjoy
the Company than I am, make a better use of such a
happiness, & therefore I congratulate you that whilst you are so far from
your native Country you enjoy it as it were in Miniature
in Britain. I am sure
It will be very much add to yr. pleasure
to be instrumental in accomplishing what the Society have under-
-taken, the reviving the knowledge of the Gospel in those Places
from whence we and all the Western Christians at first Deriv'd
it, and whatever advices you shall think ne-
-cessary to this end may be as particular as you can,
in communicating of them.
The Society upon this occasion have unanimously
chosen the worthy W. Sherman a Corresponding
member, to whom I shall also write by these
Ships. And pray let me know what ways there
are of corresponding with you by Land.
May God long continue you a blessing in the
place where he has been pleas'd to cast yr.
Lot is the earnest of Rev.d & D.r Sir
Yr. most Obed.t Hum.e
Serv.t H. N

All the Members of the Society are well and salute you.

P.S.

D.r Hayley particularly gives his humble Service to you & thanks for the Letter he rec.d.

P.S. in the City. 15. Dec.r 17[illegible]
Dear.r Being obliged to examine the Copies of Letters lately sent without the Originals, and therefore may not exactly discover any fault in them.

To Henry Hastings Esq.r
at Utrecht.

Mid. Temple.
6. Dec.r 1720.

Dear.r I receiv'd by last Mail your favour of the 10.th Curr.t N.S. and having this day communicated it to the Comittee they desire you would accept their Thanks for the great trouble you very kindly take in the Enquiries they have desired you from time to time to make after the Arabick Types &c.a And I am now by their order further to request you would procure a Specimen of the Arabick Types w.ch M.r Vander Aa has the Matrices of at Leyden, which he purchased of Elzevir's Widow and also what would be the charge of purchasing either the Matrices themselves, or a New Font made from them sufficient for composing 3. or 4. Sheets of paper at once supposing there might be occasion for so many to be compos'd at one time; for the large Font is as good at 3. or 4. little ones and, and that you would consult the Learned M.r Professor Schaff at Leyden on the goodness of these Types w.ch 'tis hoped may be equal in Beauty to the Polyglott Types, and yet so much

Less

ever as to bring the 22 N. Test. into one more sizable volume; notwithstanding any contract made here for the types may be had at home or abroad as the Society shall find most convenient for their purpose, and if those you mention may be had on reasonable Terms perhaps they may purchase either the Matrices, or Types cast from them, but before any Judgmt. can be made of them they would be glad to see a Specimen printed of them either of the whole Alphabet, or of a Sentence in the manner as you sent from Utrecht.

It is very likely that Mr. Vander Aa will not care to part with the Matrices, if he finds they may be wanted in Holland, to cast a Font, therefore it is left to yr. discretion to agree conditionally with him, first if you find him inclin'd to part with them, because if his demands are reasonable perhaps the value of them may be remitted over before you leave Holland, and you can bring them with you; for the whole will not be above 3. or 4. pound weight. Pray inform yourself & let me know in yr. next the number of Matrices he has, including the alphabet and all the variety of points & distinctions that belong to them.

I have herewith sent a Copy of the Letter & Proposals design'd to be published, though the last 3/4. of a Sheet are not yet wrought off till 2. or 3. punctions are adjusted, and therefore you will use it accordingly. I shall write to the

Rev.

(tho' you do not [illegible] me whether he
Revd. D.r De Lafaye as you advise, and send the
a packet in the manner you direct, ~~and in~~
the Excellt Mons.r D'allone has been long
since chose a Corresp.d member & because
as ~~the~~ W.m Ayent informed and
one packet miscarry'd a second was sent w.th
a duplicate of the Society's letter to him, but
to this day I could never learn whether either
~~came~~ the Packet or letter came to his hands
& whether the former or latter was sent by the Port.
tho' the latter was sent by the Port.
humble Service to 'em both & be assured I am

Dear.r Sr. Your most obd.t humble
Serv.t H. N.

My humble Services to
good Mr. Rob. de Merville
& excuse ol. freedom I
take with him.

To the Hon.ble Col.. Cane
L.t Gov.r of Minorca

Mid. Temple
9. Dec.r 1720.

Hon.d Sr.

This accompanys a Copy of my
last Lett.r by Senior Fornaris, and a small Chart
according to the proviso below
of Books which the Society desire y.r acceptance
of, for the Soldiers & their Children at Minorca. The
Revd. W.m Anchmooty is chose a Corresp.d member &
is so kind as to put me in the way of conveying this.
There is sent up in the Chest 2. small panels directed to W.m Hallaway
Anchmooty left with me ~~directed to W.m Hallaway~~.
I'm glad the return's to you with the Encouragem.t
allowd by Gov.ernm.t & wish you had more Gent. of his Char-
=acter & Disposition to assist you in civilizing & christianizing
the People under y.r care. God Almighty protect & direct
you in y.r Administration for his Glory & the Honour of our King.
I refer you to Mr. Anchmooty for news. D.r Sr. y.r most obed.t humble
H. N.

Invoice of Books sent to Gov.
Kane by order of the Society for Pro=
=moting Christian Knowledge
for the use of ~~His Majesty's Troops~~
& the Poor Soldiers & their Children
at Minorca, Ship'd on bord
9. Decr. 1720.

6. Bibles with Com. Pray. & Psal. Minion.	4:9	1:8:6	
6. Ditto Nonpar. wth Com. Pray. & Psal.	3:5	1:-:6	
			2:9:-
25. N. Testamt. Long Primr. bound in Calf	1:17:6		
25. Ditto London Brevere	1:7:-		
50. Psalters	1:9:-		
50. Turner's Spelling Book	1:17:6		
50. Primers	12:6		
50. Catechisms Grove into Question	6:-		
50. Hornbooks	6:-		
50. Church Catechism	3:-		
362	7:18:6	£7:18:6	
			£
A Set of Wm. Marshal's Chronological Tables in Latin. Lacker'd Rolling Frames		1:-:-	7:10:7:6
A Chest made of Deal a Cord to bind the Chest		£ 7:6	
		£	11:15:6

To wch were added 6. Missionaries Letters to the King & His Majesty's Gracious Answer.
6. Wm. Liegenb. & Nicols Orations.
6. Proposals for Printing y N. Test. in Arabick.
3. Method & Rules for setting up Ch. Schools
3. Prayers for Ch. Schools
1. 2d & 3d Accot. for relieving Poor Protestants
1. 2d. & 3d. parts of Pietas Hallensis.
1. Act of Parliamt. for Preservation of Parish Libraries
1. Rules & Orders for Preserv. Ditto.
4. Blank Bonds for Ditto.

In a Chest directed
To the Hon.ble
Gov.r Kane
at Port Mahone. &
recommended to y Care of the Revd. Mr. Andrewody.

To Rob. Hales Esq.

Middle Temple
15. Dec. 1720.

Dear Sr.

I call'd on you yesterday with a Letter to His Majesty from the Protestant Missionaries in the E. Indies and the enclosed to the most Excellent Lady Portland. but you not being at home I delivered the former to W. de Robethon, and beg you would be pleas'd to deliver the other with your first conveniency, because if Her Ladiship is pleas'd to make an Answer to it, the Ships which go but once a year to that part of India will be ready to sail the beginning of next month, & I shall be proud of conveying it to Yr.

I believe I desired you to present My Lady Portland with a Copy of what the Missionaries formerly wrote last year to the King, but for fear I did not be pleas'd to present Her Ladiship with a Copy herewith sent from

Sr. Yr. most obliged humble Servt.

To My L. A. Bp of Cant.

15. Dec. 1720. H. N.

My L. This humbly presents your Grace with a Copy of the Soc.s Circular Letter for this year and of the Proposal therein mentioned. I shall be glad to receive yr. Grace's direction about presenting Copies of the Proposal to His Majesty & their Royal Highnesses with the greatest respect

My L. Yr. Grace's most obed.

The Ships for India will be ready to sail the beginning of

To W. Sherman
Merch.t at Aleppo

Mid. Temple Lond.
17. Dec. 1720.

Sir

The Society for Promoting X.tian Knowledge have had so excellent a character of yr. Piety & Charity from the Rev.d W. Lisle late Chaplain at Aleppo, that they have manimously chosen you a Corresponding Member of their body desiring yr. concurrence in the prosecution of their designs by such methods as X.tian prudence & charity shall direct.

I am prevented giving you an acco.t of ye Rise & Progress of this Society, and the success it hath (by Gods Blessing) had attended their designs by a printed Letter herewith sent to you wherein you will see the Nature not only of this Society, but of several others set up of late years in & about London for promoting the practice of true Religion among us.

The Rev.d W. Soley will more particularly inform you what the books herewith sent & may be wanting to give you a just idea of the Society & their proceedings.

The Rev.d W. Lisle I doubt not has already addressed you for a Copy of the N. Test. & Psalter in Arabick in order to be printed here for the use of the Poor Christians in yr. parts of the World according to their respective dialects & W.m Soley will communicate some Letters at large wch have

The principal for printing ye N. Test. in Arabic.

which have been wrote to the Society on
that Subject, and wch indeed gave occasion to the Society
to ~~do~~ apply themselves to you who have
taken the same to such pains toward ~~with a view of~~ accomplishing
a Xtian like Undertaking.

God Almighty give you the satisfaction of
seeing so generous a Design, accomplished, which has cost
Labour you so many Years application, ~~accomplished~~ and
that your labour may be less liable to mis-
carry in the conveyance, the Society will readily be at y^e
Charge of transcribing your Copy.

If your Copy should deviate very much from
the Common Copies ~~made~~ used in Palestine pray
signify your thoughts whether that may
make it ~~difficult~~ unacceptable to the Clergy
who are to recomend it, and by what
means an objection to it on that score may
be prevented. ~~Can for the satisfaction~~
~~of the Society~~ W. Lisle has been desired to
send also for a Common Copy that those
who ~~are curious~~ can judge of it how may
see the difference. ~~Pray how is the Copy~~
~~in the Polyglott esteemed with you in the~~
~~Union~~? It is left to yr. prudence to obtain or
not a recomendation of this undertaking from
the venerable Patriarch of Antioch, to be pre-
fixed, ~~the several Gents~~ to the work wherein
you will please to signify y^r thoughts ~~for~~ how
and also of printing ~~the~~ Decalogue to their
~~Church~~ Service Book that we have not
~~Church~~ of Rome hereto done yr. most obed^t Servt.
~~using~~ for the Greek ~~reviewed~~ all yr. care & pains
as the wish of yr.

Lambeth. 1. 2. 3 Nov. 1725

Sir, I have received your letter of the 1st inst. and am glad to find that the Society have so well answered your expectations. I shall be ready to pay the Bill for printing the Gospels in Arabick, as soon as it is presented to me.

To the Rt. Honble 28. Mid. Temple
the Baroness de 23. Dec. 1720.
Gaminger

Madam I take the liberty of humbly requesting that you would be pleased to give directions for presenting the books herewith sent, to their Royal Highnesses & that you would vouchsafe to accept the Copy addressed to yr. Ladiship from

Madam yr. most obed. humble
Servt. H. N.

To the Revd. Mr. Rawlins
Chaplain to the Earl
of Bradford in Soho Sq.

Mid. Temple
27. Dec. 1720.

Revd. Sr.

I'm sure you will not take it ill that I ~~made use of~~ desire by yr. hand to convey to ~~the~~ my good L. Bradford a Proposal of ~~the~~ such a nature as is herewith sent, and if any more copies may be of use to ~~yr. Lord~~ your Lord be pleased to command them of

Yr. &c.

~~I wish you a happy~~
~~New Year.~~

To the Revd Mr Shute.

Revd Sr

Middle Temple 28th Decr 1720.

The Society have agreed to board Mr Negri with Mr Palmer at the rate of Six Pound a quarter for a Year to come Commencing at this Christmas; and in order to enable him to discharge what he owes at his present Lodgings and elsewhere they have agreed to advance Nine Pounds Ten Shillings for that purpose beside what shall be thought necessary for apparel Linnen and other Necessarys and that all these Expences be Defrayd out of the Fund for the impression of the New Testament &c in Arabick and that you would be pleasd to advance these Sums till you can be reimbursed out of those Subscriptions to that undertaking.

Revd Sr

Your most obedient Humble Servt

J. Newman

To Edwd Jennings Esqr.

7. Jany. 1720/21

Sr

The Society ~~have agreed to~~ desire ~~that~~ you & Mr Hoare would be pleasd to ~~use your good office with~~ request the Dean of Chichester's good offices with the Vice chancellor of Cambridge for obtaining his recomendation ~~to be inserted~~ of the Proposal herewith sent to ~~the Vice chancellor of Cambridge to use his Offices with~~ in order to his recommending it to the Heads of the Colleges & Halls of that University, as an undertaking for the Service of Christianity which ~~they will~~ several Members of that illustrious Body ~~may~~ will ~~chearfully~~ countenance upon such a recommendation. ~~when it is pleasd to favour it.~~

I shall take care to send to the Dean's order any number of Copies that shall be required for this Service from your or Mr.

Sr. Yr. most obed. humb. Servt

H. N.

wrote mutatis mutandis
to Dr Hancock & Mr Flute
to wait on the Bp of London.

To John Chamberlayne Esq.r 30.

in Pettytoune

Mid: Temple

27. Octob.r 1720.

S.r

The Society have with great pleasure received the Copy of the Arguments & Reflections in French on the H. Bible which you sent to them as a present from the venerable Body of the Clergy of Neufchatel accompany'd with a Letter from the Rev.d & learned M.r Osterwald so far as relates to the same.

I am order'd by the Society to desire you would represent to the venerable Donors, for so acceptable a Present, and also to the Excellent M.r Osterwald for the share he has had in it, and y.e care he has taken to transmit it. It will remain in the Repository of the Society as a lasting monument of the wise & Excellent Establishment which those Gentlemen have agreed upon for rendering the reading of the Scriptures more edifying & of the respect which they have been pleas'd to express to our Society. I am

S.r

Give me leave to beg you to send at y.e same time my most humble Service to M.r Osterwald & his Son to whom I would write if you have an opportunity of conveying other wise than by the Post.

To the Rev.d M.r Wilcocks

Mid. Temp.l

9. Jan.y 1720/21

Rev.d S.r

The Comm.rs for relieving Popish Proselytes at their last meeting agreed to desire you would be pleas'd to recommend the Case of M.rs Chevalier as

PS

N.B. This Let.r was antedated to agree with the time when the Book was rec.d.

an Ob helpless object of their Charity to ~~whom~~
~~they allow 6 pound pr Ann. but~~ My Lord Bp
of Norwich to be put upon the kings list for
My Lord Almoner's next ~~Ld~~ Distribution; ~~but~~
~~I wrote to~~ I wrote to the Dean of Sarum
~~whether~~ what had been done in the late
Queen's time, ~~& the certify~~ to which he made
the answer enclosed.

The Comrs allow her 6. pound pr Ann.
but that is too little to subsist a person
not able to do any thing for a livelihood
and therefore they hope your good offices
will prevail with his Ld to get her admitted
to partake of the Ld Almoner's Charity.

Please to accept of the Proposals herewith
sent, as an undertaking worthy of the Capitol of
yr recommendation to well disposed Bounties;
Copies have been sent to all the Royal Family.
patients. I am

Rev.d S.r

yr

Mid. Temple
9. Jan.y 1720/21.

To the Rev.d
D.r Brydges
in Dover Street.

Rev.d S.r

S.r Charles Cooke's indisposition
first, & Death since has prevented my getting his opinion
as I promised of the method of an application to the
Turkey Company, at the Attorney Generall's but his Son in Law assures me
that

that a Separate one to the Members apart will in all likelihood have the best success:
~~& His Grace's Example for which Reason,~~
~~you will~~ ~~I believe not think it advisable to~~
~~trouble Him~~ ~~the Duke of Chandois to recom-~~
~~-mend it to them as a Body, But~~ it is intirely
~~left~~ left to yr. prudence to ~~do therein~~ engage His
Grace's favour therein as you shall think
fit.

This is what I was humbly to have acq.d
you with the other day when I call'd at yr.
house, to which I am glad now to add that
the ~~good~~ Bishop of Landaff ~~has~~ remitted one
hund.d pounds to the Society, ~~for the Benefactions~~
~~taking~~ as an Earnest of the Success wch. you
always thought this undertaking would ~~have~~
meet with ~~as to Benefactions~~ notwithstanding
the difficulty of the Times. I am

Rev.d S.r

Yr. most obed.t

humble Serv.t

~~Not to mention Lefter~~
~~Benefactions~~

To W. Robethon
Hon.d S.r

H. N.
9. Jan.y 1720/21

I call'd last night at yr. apartm.t
in hopes to know whether it was a New Letter wch.
the

the Missionaries had sent to the king
a Copy of the former. If it be a new
one the Society will be glad of the
privilege to translate & publish it,
with something else now going to the
press on the same subject.

I am glad to acq.t you that the Bp of
Landaff has by last Post remitted to the
Society one hund.d pounds towards printing the
N. Test.t &c.a in Arabick not to mention Esper
Benefaction as an Earnest of the finest
we may hope for in this affair notwith-
=standing the difficulty of the Times.

I am S.r
Y.r most obliged
humble Serv.t H N.

To Wm Popple Esq.r
Secry to the R.t Hon.ble the
Board of Trade &c.a &c.a

Wind. Temple
11.th Jan.y 1720/21

I think it my duty to request you would
be pleased to lay before the Ld Com.rs of Trade the Copies of
a Proposal herewith sent, not foreign to their
Ldsp care as it relates to a matter
within the limits of the Turkey Trade and
may undoubtedly be thought worthy of their regard.
Give me leave to pray y.r acceptance of the Copy
addressed to y.r self & to assure you that I am
Hond.d S.r y.r most obed.t humb.e Serv.t
H. N.

To My L. A. Bp of Cant. 34

Mid. Temple
12. Jan. 1720/1

My L.

W. De Robethon having ~~by letter signify'd that~~ wrote to me ~~to~~ the following words "My Lord Hanhope is very desirous to speak with you ab. the N. Test. to be printed in Arab. and is willing to perswade the King to contribute 4. or 500. l. towards it. Pray call at that Lords as from me some morning ab. 10. & bring him such another printed Book as you gave me." & ~~&~~ a proposal

I call'd accordingly Yesterday Morning but ~~could~~ had not audience till last night, when his L.ſ ~~read a proposal &~~ ~~the A. B. of Cant.~~ ~~yr. Grace was of~~ ask'd me whether ~~told him~~ replyd that approved of the undertaking, I ~~told him~~ your Grace did not only approve of it, but was the principal Promoter of it. He ~~ask'd~~ me then what he could do in it. I Answer'd that the Society would esteem it as a great favour if his L.ſ would be pleas'd to recomend it to the King for his Majesty's encouragemt. He ~~ask'd~~ me then what ~~other people~~ had been done towards encouraging it, by others. I ~~said~~ upon which I beg. to him ~~that~~ of ye Bp of Landaff's remittance of 100. l. beside some other Benefactions from one to 5. Guineas. He then said he would consult yr. Grace & what should be thought proper for him to do, should be done.

My Lord I have been thus particular in this affair that yr. Grace may be pleas'd to ~~take~~ give his L.ſ an opportunity of conferring ab. it before it goes

goes out of his mind, and there is no applying to the Prince till it can be known what his Majᵗʸ will be pleas'd to do. I am

My Lord Yᵒʳ Grace's

to W. Chamberlayne 12. Janʸ. 1720/1

Sʳ. I acqᵗᵉᵈ the Society with the contents of My Good Lord Bp of Landaffs Letter to you signifying his having remitted 100. l. towards printing the N. Test. &c.ª in Arabick. Upon wᶜʰ I am order'd to desire you would be pleas'd to give His Lp their thanks for it, at the same time to add that His Lp's magnificent example has so animated the undertaking that when I acqᵗᵉᵈ W. Robethon with it he gave me commission to wait on My L. Stanhope in his name to request his recommendation of it to the King. Accordingly last night his Lp told me he would consult the A. Bp & what was proper ever for him to do there in this be done. I have reason to believe that 4. or 500. l. is the least we shall have there & His Majᵗʸ's Example will induce the Prince to do what will be very handsome on such an occasion. My Duty to His Lp & be assured I am

Sʳ Yᵒʳ most humble Servᵗ

H. N.

You are desir'd to pay the 100. l. money to Mr. Shute when it is rec'd.

To My L. A. Bp of Cant.[36]

Mid. Temple
30th Jan. 1720/1

My Lord

Sometime since I took the Liberty of covering to ~~the~~ L.d Bp of Winchester a Copy of the Proposal for printing the N. Test. &c. in Arabick but not having the honour to be known to His L.dp I did not sent it by the Penny Post without a Letter presuming that the ~~Subject~~ Design would ~~be~~ so ~~agreeable~~ to a Prelate ~~so~~ celebrated for his generosity & Munificence ~~to all Learning~~ need no argum.t to recommend it to the Society ~~who are Patrons of the Undertaking~~ but the knowledge that His L.dp has a great Interest among the Heads of other Learned Societies at Oxford, they have ordered me to request your Grace's good Offices with His L.dp for obtaining his recommendation to that University in hopes some of the Rich & Charitable members of that Body may be induced to encourage an Undertaking so much for the Service of Christianity. and the Honour of the Nation. ~~I am glad to accept your Grace that I have~~ ~~sent a Copy of the Proposals~~ I am

My Lord

Your Grace's most obed.t

I will send a Number of the Proposals to any Person ~~you please~~ for this ~~purpose~~ occasion as your Grace or His L.dp shall be pleased to direct Command.

To Wm Gosselin Esq:

Mid. Temple
1. Feb.y 1720/1

S.r W. Woolley was telling me that the Gov.r of Bombay had requested the Court of Directors to send over a good Schoolmaster, and that they would be glad if the Society could recommend such a person to em.ploy ~~to have~~ ~~Society or any body else, if the Court is pleased to~~ allow

~~allso~~ The Society have no such person in view at ~~present~~ but if the Comt are pleas'd to desire they would recomend ~~such a person~~ a Schoolmaster I am satisfy'd they will ~~be wanting to use their best~~ do all that is in their power to ~~procure the Company with~~ a proper person for such a Service & recomend him to the Comp.

I am &c. &c.

to the Rev. Mr. Edw. Gregory
at Wottonunderedge Glouc.

Mid. Temp.
11. Feb. 1720

Rev. Sr. This presents you with the Society's Cir. Lett. for this year & serve to answ. ~~the Society upon the same~~ which pass'd in ~~the~~ last Lett. of the 21st. of last Month & communicate ~~the same to~~ the 1st Meeting of our Society who thereupon refer'd it to a Comittee to Enquire out a proper Master ~~for the~~ to be recomended to the Trustees of Wottonunderedge to succeed W. Walker. Mr. Tho. Adams a single man ab. 25 year of age having been recommended to them, he attended the Comittee and satisfy'd them in his abilities to undertake such a Trust. Your Letter being read to him, he only desir'd there might be added to ~~the~~ the terms you offer'd, the liberty of teaching ~~fyd with~~ to many other Child. as ~~could stay for their Instruction~~ of the Town ~~&~~ might consist with his care of the Charity Child. supposing that there might be some who would be willing ~~to pay him for it~~ to be instructed by him. This I am order'd to acquaint you with. and Mr. Adams desires to know whether you require the Skill of singing as a qualification necessary in the Master, because he does not pretend to have it. I have enclos'd a Specimen of his hand writing for the satisfaction of the Trustees.

Since the Society agreed to recomend Mr. Adams our Treasurer Mr. Chute has read a Lett. from you of the 4th Inst.

and W. Bicherton ~~(I think his name is)~~ a Clergyman was this day with us to recommend W. Harrison of Droitwich for your School. we told him the Society would not recommend any person whom they had not a personal knowledge of & good testimonials as to his post life, but if he thought it worth his while to come to Town to be discourst with abt his Qualifications the Society might in a little time have it in their power to recommend him, if he answerd y Character ~~that~~ given of him. So What he will do herein I don't know. ~~but if he had been known to the Society as well as W. Adams he might perhaps have been recommended to you~~. I am

W. Clute sends his Love to you.

Rev.d S.r y.r

To M.r Joseph Harfoot Master of the Charity School at Neath Glamorganshire.

~~Rev.d~~ Sir

Middle Temple 14. Feb: 1720/1

I have forbore acknowledging the recait of your Letter of the 5.th of Dec.r till I could do it more Satisfactorily to you or my self.

M.r Lacey at Boston has hitherto wrote nothing to me about the affair you mention. you recommended an able Schoolmaster to me but dont tell me his name; I have so great a regard to your recommendation that if I had known how to write to him, I should have desired him to send me a Specimen of his Writing and knowledge in acco.t and other qualifications to be certified that I might perswade others to have the same opinion of him as you have: Pray desire him to do this as soon as he can because the Society have occasion just now for an able ~~School~~ master to send to Bombay in the East Indies. Let me know his age, whether he is a Personable man and whether he be acquainted with W.m Dixon at Bath and be a Single or Marry'd Man?

I communicated so much of your Letter and also of another which you wrote to your sister to S.r Humphrey Mackworth as related to your want of Books for your School upon which he immediately gave me a comission to send you for the present the undermentioned Books viz.

12. Psalters
12. Lewis Exposition of the Chh Catechism
6. Com. Prayers Minion.
12. Psalm Books with Musick
25. A.B.C. Catechism
12. Catechism broke into ~~small~~ short questions
25. Prayers for Charity Schools
6. Rules & Orders for School
25. Orders to be given to Parents of Ch. Children

These were sent yesterday to Car: p^d directed to you at Neath under a Cover to Mr Gardner at the Colston's Hospital in Bristol Sr Humphrey's Correspond. to be forwarded by him to you & will I hope reach your hands in good time safely.

Sr Humphrey is very much Concerned at any uneasiness you have suffered since you have been at Neath and tho^h he cannot write often he has given general & positive orders to his Steward at Neath to supply you with Money and other accomodations according to what you had reason to expect without waiting for farther orders from him.

Sr Humphrey relies on your prudence to persue all the proper Measures for establishing ye School there and when that is done and a representation made to him of the Names, Age, and quality of all the Children and that Constantly with there being well instructed you can also instruct others whose Parents are able to Pay for their Instruction I am satisfied he will readily consent to any reasonable proposal you can make for your advantage.

I suppose your Sister informed you that upon my reading to Sr Humphrey your Letter to her he paid to me 10 shillings for a use you apply'd it to in Town

I should write oftner to you if I could do it without burthening you with the Charge of postage but pray dont let that be a reason why you ~~let~~ Write as often as you have occasion to

My service to your Wife and Children

S^r
Your very humble Servt
H. N

It would be very proper for you some times to wait upon Sr Humphreys for at Neath

To W. Woolley 40 Mid. Temple
Secry of the S.P.G. 18. Feb. 1720/1
Comp.

S.r I am glad it is now in my power to present ym with a Copy of ~~the Secretary's~~ the Letter wch I sometime since mentioned to ym in conversation.

~~It will be a pleasure to the Society will be glad to know that~~
Be pleased to make the Copies directed to the Hon.ble Court, acceptable ~~to them~~ as from the Society, ~~and ym will thereby oblige~~ I am by S.r Y.r most humble
Serv.t H.N.

I have added a Copy for W. Du Bois.

To the A. Bp of Cant. Mid: Temple
18. Feb. 1720/1

My Lord

Not hearing from W.m Chamberlayne whether he has sent ym Grace a Copy of the Act. herewith sent from those design'd for Great Person at the Court ~~at the~~ West.m end of the Town ~~I have rather~~ chose to err in sending a ~~duplicate of~~ what perhaps Y.r Grace may have had already, rather than ~~not to do it~~ omit my Duty: and at the same time to cover ~~to Y.r Grace~~ a Letter

a Letter lately published by the Society relating to the Mission which I hope may be acceptable to Yr. Grace from

My Lord

To John Temple Esq.

in Pellmell.

Yr.

18. Feb. 1720/1

Sr.

I had Honour to come, to My Lady Portland, was pleased to signify by Mr. Hale, clerk of the Council that she would answer the Letter I had the Honour to convey to Her Ladiship from the Missionaries at Tranquebar on the Coast of Coromandel some time since. The Monmouth that is going to that Coast will be dispatch'd some day next week if Her Ladiship is pleased to send her Letter by that opportunity I shall be proud to take care of it.

Please to desire Her Ladiships acceptance of a Letter lately published on the Subject of the Mission & to accept the other Yr.

left from

P.S. I have made bold to trouble you also with Copies for the King & their Highnesses &c.

Sr.

&c. Yr.

To Baron de Gaminger

Madam

20. Feb. 1720/1

I take the liberty I used to do of humbly requesting your acceptance of the Printed Letter herewith sent & that you would please to present the other as they are directed from

Madam

Yr. most obed. humble Sr.

H. N.

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To Wm Dawsonne Esq: Feb.y 21. 1720/1
at the Ind. Ho.

Hond S.r Since the Society's ~~gave in their~~ addres
for this year was given in
to the Hon.ble Court of Directors they have
rec.d several Benefactions to the mission
so that ~~the whole of the Money which~~
now
they are in a condition to send ~~to~~ ~~more~~
~~1 3386. Ounces &c.~~ 386. ounces of Silver
than what was requested in that addres.
As the greatest part of these additional
Benefactions will be lodg'd at Fort St. George
for the Service of Christianity ~~that~~ there
that the Design of the Society may be ~~of~~
~~of the Society~~ ~~and to avoid~~ troubling the Court with another addres
Comp.a ~~at this~~ I am humbly to request y.r
Good Offices with the Committee of Correspond:
~~to the Court~~ that they would be pleas'd to represent this
matter so favourably as to obtain leave
from the Court to send 3386. ~~Ounces~~ in a whole
~~troubling the Court with another addres~~ to avoid
whereby you will greatly oblige the Society
as well as

To Mr. Ziegenbalg
at Tranquebar

Ind. Temple
24. Feb.y 1720/1

Madam I heartily condole with you for
the Death of the Excell.t M.r Ziegenbalg if Comp.a
can lessen your greif, you have abundance of Sharers
in so great a Loss, to Christendom as well as to y.r
~ self

self. we see but a little way into the dispensation
of Providence, and therefore must acquiesce in this
as ~~in~~ what ~~the~~ Almighty God ~~to effect~~ for wise
& good purposes though we cannot comprehend
them I have bought ~~all~~ the things you
desired in y^r. Letter of the 16th. Decr. 1719.
& the Society ~~can't & don't~~ accept of y^r.
offer to pay the value of them ~~here~~ to the
benefit of the Protestant Mission ~~in~~ Judia.
Only the Books wch. you write for ~~are~~
~~that to you at present from~~ they ~~Society~~
desire your acceptance of them as an acknow=
=ledgem^t. of their great respect to the relict
of W^m. ~~Le~~ Legenbaly.

This goes by the Monmouth Captn.
~~Mayo~~ Comd^r. on board whom the Comp^a.
have not thought fit to allow us to send
any ~~thing~~ goods because she is to stop by y^e
way at to take in wine
Madera. But your things
will be sent by the Marlborough or the
Heathcote who ~~are to sail in~~ about 14^dr
or 3. weeks ~~from the date of this~~
~~lately lost her Boat~~ W^m. Bo[illegible]
My Lady Hyde ~~yesterday~~ ~~by~~
return their Salutes to you, and you have always
the best wishes of Madam
Your
y^r. most obed^t
humble Servt
H. N.

To the R.t Hon.ble 44 24. Feb.y 1720/1
the Lord Viscount Townsend

~~Hon.ble Sir~~

My Lord

~~His Lo.p~~ The late Lord Stanhope (as Mr. Robethon can inform yr. Lordship) was pleas'd to promise his good offices with the King to obtain a considerable Benefaction towards the undertaking recommended in the Proposal herewith humbly laid before yr. Lordship.

His Lo.p did not live to accomplish

I hope that ~~promise~~ will ~~even still~~ be made good by ~~the Lordship his noble Successor~~ his Noble Successor, and that your Lo.p will ~~permit your self to be addressed~~ be pleas'd to take the same into yr. favourable consideration. I am

My Lord

Yr.

To the Rev.d Mr. Grundler
at Tranquebar

Rev.d Sir

This presents you with a Copy of the Society's last Circular Letter and serves to acknowledge the receit of your Letter of 12. Dec.r 1719. to the Society, and of the 18. of the same Month to me together with several Packets to his Majesty, and your other friends in England Denmark & Germany all which were deliver'd according to direction, and you will receive by the Malborough or Heathcote that are to Sail about

about 14. days or 3 Weeks time particular Answers for
the Society and Rev.d and Dear Sir

Your Most obedient humble Serv.t
H. Newman

Middle Temple
24. Febry 1720/1

I have enclos'd Answers from the A Bp. of
Canterbury & Mr Stevenson

To the Rev.d Mr Schultze
at Tranquebar

Rev.d Sir

Pray accept of this Copy of the Society's Last
Circular Letter to their Correspondents at home and abroad,
and thanks for your kind Letter of 13th July 1719 which I
willing shall be more fully Answer'd a 14. Night or 3 Weeks
hence by the Malborough or Heathcote. In the Mean time
I could not omit by this Ship the Monmouth to cover the enclo
from the College at Copenhagen and to Assure you that

I am
Dear Sr Your Most Humble Servt

Middle Temple
24. Feb. 1720/1

My humble service to your fellow } H.N
Labourers Messrs Engel & Kistenmaker)

Post Script to Mr Grundler's Letter

Dear Sr I am every Court day attending at the Board in House to Solicite
obtaining the order you desire for settling a Missi
-ionary at Fort St George or Fort St David which I
have reason to believe will be granted but the
Matter being referr'd to a Comm.n they have not been able
yet by reason of a great concern of their Depen
-ding in Parliament to make their Report to the Court
but I hope in a few days they may be at Leisure
+ All the Goods you desired will be sent and about
- 3000 ounces of Silver according to particulars as my
next will inform you.

To the Hon.ble Francis Hastings
Esq Gov.r of Fort St George
Hon.d Sr

This brings your acceptance of a Copy of the
Society's Last Circular Letter and thankfully acknowledges
the Rec.t of your obliging Letter of 12 Jan.y 1719/20

Be pleasd also to accept the Books herewith sent being
lately Publishd by the Society as a Testimony of a Respect
due to you from

Hond Sir

Your most Obligd humble Servt
H. N.

Middle Temple
24 Feb. 1729

To Francis Hugonin at Fort
St George

Mid. Temple. 24. Feb. 1720/1

Dear Sir

I pray Accept of this Copy of the Society's last
Circular letter and the Books sent with it. till I can
write more particularly as I hope to do by the Mal
boro^ or Heathcote a 14 night or 3 Weeks hence. By whom
also I intend to write God Willing to Mr Wendy & Mr. Go
in ye mean time my humble Service to 'em and believe
me

I hereto recom-
ended the Lett^rs
for Tranquebar
thro^ my hands to your Care

Sr Your Most humble Servt
Hon: Newsom

To the Revd Mr Edwd Gregory
at Wotton under Edge

Revd Sir

London Feb^ry ye 28. 1720/1

I recd yours of ye 20th. Curt and sent it to Mr Adams
from whom I yesterday recd the inclosd Answer, by which I find
he thinks he shall not be acceptable to ye Trustees, without
he's resolvd to be content with ye Salary of 30£. only and was
capable of teaching Hebrew; though I think your Letter
very plainly dispences with one & offers to indulge him in what
may be reasonable in the other. The Standing Committee of
our Society meeting this Day I communicated his reply to them
and they directed me to acquaint you with it by this Post,
And that they would continue their enquiries after
another person. Mr Harrison of Droitwich has not yet
offerd himself but is daily expected as in another James
Richmond from Yeovil in Somersetshire Concerning

whom

perhaps you can be as easily informd if not better then we at this distance the first that offer with suitable recomendation will be recomended to you and if such a person cannot be with you exactly by Lady Day I hope M.r Walker will continue a Week or 10 days longer if requisite

I am Rev.d Sr your most humble Serv.t

H.N

To Wm Newman

Sir

Manchester court. 7. March. 1720/1.

I have read M.r Disney's Letter and in Answer to his 5. Queries about y.e University of Hall I have the following particulars to offer. 1. as to the Students of Philosophy being brought up in the Exercise either of the Lutheran or Calvinistical Religion, I cant think they can be said to be brought up in either. The University is indeed Lutheran and all the Divinity Professors Lutherans but the Professors in the other faculties are of both kinds but trouble themselves little with the Tenets of either. There are in the Town both Lutheran and reformd Churches so that foreigners have their Choice & the Present Divinity Professors are men of that Moderation & so little bigotted to the peculiarities of the Augsbourg Confession that it is the least of their thoughts to make Proselytes and when they come to explain those parts it is with so much temper that it cant give any offence to ye adverse party 2. the university of Hall tho' the last erected is much upon the same foot w.th all other foreign Universities and consequently the Students are under very little regulation or Restraint. If they Comit any public disturbances they are punishd by the vice chan.r but little care can be taken of their morals as might be done in ours. The Theological Faculty has assumd a greater power over the Divinity Students obliging them to appear at

at certain Seasons before their whole Faculty, to receive their advice and direction as to their Method of Studying, what Lectures to frequent and sending them as often as they hear they are irregular or immoral in their way of living or careless and negligent in attending their Lectures. This the Students of Divinity are obligd to submit to for fear of being refused a Testimonial of their good behaviour & Learning necessary when they take orders, or get any preferment.

3. The least time that can be given a young Gent. (who is supposed to be already a good Latin Scholar and a tollerable Greek one) to go thro a course of Philosophy to learn Hebrew, Chaldaic (for wch and all the Oriental Languages you have the best Teachers) and the several parts of Divinity there is about 4. years, according to the method generally prescribed a person of tollerable parts and application may be qualify'd for Holy orders; but they have no fix'd time prescribd them.

4. The 1st. Degree that is taken is that of Master of arts, wch may be taken after 2. years Standing tho there is no limitted time, it being left to the discretion & judgment of the Professors. The D. of Laws Degree is frequently taken

taken after 3. years Standing but never by Divines. The D^r. of Divinity's Degree is seldom given till the candidate has some considerable living or preferment.

5. So. I am will maintain and bring up Gent. at the University very handsomely including books and all necessary charges.

I hope this may be sufficient for the present, if Mr. Disney has any thing else he desires to be inform'd ab^t. wherein I can give him any light he may freely command his and

Yr. most

Henry Hastings

To Henry Lyell Esqr.
at ye Jud. Ho.

8. March. 1720/1

S^r.

I am afraid to be to troublesome, but hope you will excuse my putting you in mind that tho' the Court have been pleas'd to permit our sending the Silver Oar for ye Lew. & ye Virginia Company, they have not yet ~~order'd~~ given leave for the other thing, mentioned in the Request of the Society, and till that is done I can't presume to send them in to your ~~Cash~~ Warehouse, to be view'd & Your favour in obtaining that permission will very much oblige ye Soc. as well as

S^r.

Yr.

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To Robt. Hales Esq.

Mid. Temple
7th. March. 1720/1

Dear Sr.

It must have been through forgetfullness that Mr. Grundler omitted to subscribe his Letter to My Lady Portland, I beg you to assure her Ladiship that in ~~Letter~~ a Letter I rec'd at the same time from Mr. Grundler dated 18. Dec. 1719. he has these words [Stet Stet Stet thus ~~Literas ad Comitissam de Portland, ut dedi-~~ ~~-tas hic habet~~] You will have herewith receiv'd a Letter for the Countess of Portland as you desired; I dis take the liberty of informing the Missionaries (for Mr. Ziegenbalg was then living) that Her Ladiship was now Governess of the Young Princesses ~~that when they were to Court they shd make~~ ~~the best reparation~~ and that it would be accep-table to Her Ladiship to be informed of the Progress of the Mission as it was to Her Predecessor in that High Trust. Mr. Boehm has had advice to the same effect, which I hope will satisfy that Excellt. Lady that the Letter came from Mr. Grundler, and if Her Ladiship is pleased to answer it in about a week or 10 days time I will gladly take care of ~~any thing~~ it being with all ~~Pious repect~~ Her Ladiships ~~of my most humble~~ ~~Service~~ and

S. Yr. most Obedt. humble Servt.

H. N.

To His Grace the
A. Bp of Cant.

Mid. Temple
10. March. 1720/1

My Lord

Mr. Bellers an honest Quaker
~~a fellow of the Royal Society~~ ~~I believe not unknown~~
~~to your Grace~~ desires me to pray yr. Grace ac-
=ceptance of the ~~Book~~ book herewith sent, as
~~a collection of~~
~~containing~~ some hints wch he hopes may be
~~approv'd of~~ by
~~by~~ yr. Grace ~~is power to promote~~

To the Rev.
Dr. Wilkins

10. March. 1720/1

Rev.d & Dear.t

I have given your Man
a Letter to Mr. Tryon, and he will inform
you the effect of it.

To the Rev. Mr. Gregory
at Wotton Underedge Glos.

Lond. 16. March. 1720/1

Rev.d S.r I rec.d yr. Lett. of 9.br 11.th Curr.t
and have been able only to communicate as yrs
to a Com.r of the Society, by whose direction
I am to acq.t you that James Richmond of Yeovil is come
to Town, & has given them such satisfactory
Testimonials of his Sobriety, & virtue in all the
respects required in the qualification of a Ch.
Sch. master, as it is not to be doubted will be
approv'd of by the Society: and that he may be
fully acq.ted with the Methods us'd in London, he
is now under the Daily advice of one of the ablest
masters in London. He came to London not before

this

this week, and time yor Mast for his hastening to Wottonunderedge, I hope by this daylight to acq.t yor of his being set out thither, and in the meantime cover a Specimen of his writing which he wrote at my Chamber with a bad Pen, just as he were com off of his Journey. He has given me a Solution of a Knotty Question in the Rule of Fellowship and seems of a genius desirous to improve himself so as to be usefull in his Generation. He is a single man ab.t 25. years of age, & is acq.ted with the Common Rules of Psalmody.

I am Sr. Yr. most humble Ser.t
H. N.

W.m Hunte returns his humble service to yor.

To Rob.t Hales Esq.r

Mid.le Temple
23. March. 1729

Dear.t Sr.

I intended to should have waited on yor this morn.g to beg yr. interest with My L.d Irwin in behalf of a very if I had not been obliged to go into the City

Wilkins's whose recommendation I have enclosd and a Specimen of the honest man's writing. He is capable of being a Steward his L.d but cannot he unprovided with a person in that ranck therefore if he wants any Servant above one that wears a livery I'm perswaded His L.d will thank yor for recommending this man for his many good Qualities that he has, and for what em=bellishes all the rest, his great modesty and allacrity in

in executing the Comands of his Master. Since
His L.ps is near his departure for his Govern.
& therefore would not delay this request for
fear of losing the opportunity of doing
His L.ps so signal a Service as protecting
him with a faithfull Serv.t
I doubt not you to excuse this trouble
because I know you would with pleasure
do a 1000. times more to serve D.r
Wilkins, and D.r S.r Yr most obliged
humble Serv.t H. N.

To Mr Moses Williams at Devunnock
near Bracon

Middle Temple
23. March 1720/1

The occasion of giving you this trouble is at the earnest desire of
Mr Jennings who Subscribd for 20 Welch Bibles and paid you fifty
Shillings advance Money for them. He has sent several times to Mr
Baskett for them, but Mr Baskett or Mr Ambrose not being
in the way the person that call'd for them could not receive them, and
now the answer that is given is, that they can neither deliver the Bibles nor
return the advance Money till Mr Williams has ballanced his Acc.t with Mr
Baskett. Mr Jennings is very much Surpriz'd at this, after so many
Assurances that he should have them with the Remainder of the Money.
Notwithstanding the advertisem.t that was given to other people, and hopes
that you will take Effectual care that he shall not be finally disappointed of
having the 20 Copies. He would have wrote to you himself if a Rheumatism
in his hand had not disabled him, and desires he or I may hear from you on
this head at your first Convenience.
I refer you to the Societies Circular Letter for the rest & am
Rev.d Sr your most humble Serv.t
Henry Newman

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To the Rev.d D.r Henry Finch
Dean of York

Mid.e Temple
29.th March. 1721.

Rev.d S.r

The Society for Promoting Christian Knowledge at their last meeting in toward were rec.d from W. Hoare that he had rec.d Benefaction 75: 4: 6: from the Dean of York as Benefactions from him self & friends towards the charge of printing the New Test.t &c.a in Arabick: upon which I was order'd to desire yu would be pleased to accept the Thanks of the Society for yur good offices to this branch of their designs, and that as yu have opportunity yu would give their Thanks to all the worthy contributers who have join'd with yu to encourage the same.

I am now so=
=liciting his Majesty's favour to it, and when I can tell it will be my
let yu know the success, & shall
to acq.t yu with it, as well as of the other Bene=
=factions towards it, in the mean time I shall be glad to receive at y.r leisure a List of the Benefactors through yur hands that I may do Justice to their Names in the Accs. I keeps of all Benefactions to the Undertaking.

I am
Rev.d S.r Yr. most obliged humble Ser.t

Since writing the above W. Hoare sends me word of a further Benefaction H. N. of 12. Guineas by y.r hands wch I shall acq.t the Society of at their next meeting & I am sure will be thankfully accepted.

To the R.t Hon.ble
Spencer Compton Esq.r M.P.
Speaker of the Hon.ble
Ho. of Com.s

Mid. Temple
5. April. 1721.

Sir It is a respect due to your
High Character to ~~request you with~~
pray your acceptance & approbation of
the Proposal herewith sent. And I
dare presume upon both, by the readi-
-ness you have shewn on other occasions
to countenance the cause of Religion &
Virtue. The Design will speak for
it self, ~~nor need I be an advocate~~
~~to urge~~ whether it be important; nor need
I urge the compassion due to the Poor
Christians in Palestine &c.a to a person
of consummate Tenderness for the ~~liberties~~
privileges of all mankind.

I have the Honour to be

S.r Y.r most obed.t
humble Serv.t
H. N.

To the Rev.d M.r Ayerst
Chaplain to L.d Rob.t Sutton
His Majtie's Embassador
at Paris. Rev.d & Dear S.r

Mid.d Temple
10. April. 172

For want of an opportunity of conveying ~~the enclosed to you~~ the books herewith sent, ~~I have sent~~ ~~them~~ they have been delay'd, till good Col. Valogne has ~~not as in a manner~~ undertaken to forward them. ~~to you~~

The Letter from you to M.r Chamberlayne being printed before I rec.d yours of the 25.th of Sep.r last, it ~~was~~ was not to be altered and, ~~perhaps~~ perhaps the purpose of signifying L.d Roberts Sentiments ~~perhaps~~ is fully answer'd by it.

The Colonel shews me a Letter from you of the 22. of ~~March~~ last month, by wch I learn that you have wrote two letters to me on the Subject of the Common Prayer sent by the Society. I have not rec.d any from you since you went hence but the Letter of Sep.r last

which

which as I remember came by the Com.
Post, therefore for the future if you please
to send a single Letter by y^e Common Post
~~Coach~~ what is larger under cover to Col.
Valogne, because if it goes to the
Secry^s Office I may chance never
to hear of it unless I had a Pd there
as the Colonel has, to take care of
it. You have all the News at His Ex=
=cellency's Court, and therefore I shall say
nothing of Pub. Affairs here, but only to acq^t
you that the Design of printing the N. Test.
&c. in Arab. goes on so successfully that
the Society have rec^d ab^t 250. l. including
100. l. remitted to them by the Bp of
Landaff and last week My Ld Townshend
signify'd his Maj^ties intentions to contri=
=bute 500. l. towards it, ~~and it is not~~
nor is it to be doubted but the Prince will
do something worthy of his Royal Highness
~~Character~~ and the undertaking. &

I shall be glad if it may be in my power
to serve you here being with great
Truth & Esteem

Dear Sir
Your most obed^t
humble Servt
H. N.

& The new Font of Arab. types
from the Polyglott Matrices is
about ½ finished.

London 14. March. 1720/1

An Invoice of Goods sent to Mrs Ziegenbalg on bord the Heathcote ~~with the Things for~~ to Fort St. George the value of which She is to make good to the Missionaries at Trangnebar except the Box of Books which the Society pre=sent to her as a token of their respect to the ~~late Revd.~~ Relict of M. Ziegenbalg late Provost of the Danish Mission on the Coast of Coromandel. Viz.

1. Box of Books in the Missionaries Chest No. 1. containing

Decay of Christian Piety & Gent.s calling.
Govern.t of the Tongue.

To Mrs Ziegenbalg 60 Mad: Temple
at Tranquebar 16. March. 1721.

Madam I herewith send a Copy of my last Letter and an Invoice of what the Society have permitted me to send at yrs request to be paid for ~~to the Mission~~ at Tranquebar to the Danish Missionaries amounting to £. 23: 4: 10½ Sterling Money which in pags of 8. at 5.7.d ~~pr~~ ounce comes to 83. ounces 5. pens wt. neavet. ~~I shall~~ which you may please to answer to the benefit of the Mission.

The Wine was drawn out of the Cellar where Mr. Zeig. & you were regaled ~~with many~~ with many Sorts of Wine by Mr. William ~~who sends his Service~~ to you &c.

I shall be always glad to hear of yrs welfare & extreamly pleas'd with any occasion ~~of~~ of shewing you of being

Madam
Yrs.

There is put up among the Money for the Missionaries by Mr. Boehm's order 33: ounces 11 dwts ½ being 9: 7: 6. Sterl. remitted to him from Germany for yr. Son, to whom my humble Service, and pray let him know I shall be glad to hear from him as soon as he can write in any European Language.

Welwood's Memoirs by a mistake was ~~not~~ omitted to be put up in the Box of Books, but shall be sent among the Company's Letters if they permit it, if not, it shall God willing be sent another Year by

Madam
Yrs.

To W. Wortley

Mid. Temple
12. April. 1721.

Secry of the Indian Comp.a

S.r The Bearer John Wilson was recommended by the Society to a Ch. School at Bristol about 7. Year ago where he has acquitted himself so well that I have been informed by a good hand that his Service was very acceptable to the Trustees, he is now come in the Holidays only to make a visit to his Friends in London & calling on me I propos'd to him going to Bombay, and had given him a Letter to you before but that I cant do it in the Society's name till they are appriz'd of it, & he sets out however if you think it may be acceptable to the Company when you have talk'd with him I am satisfy'd he may soon be enabled to wait on you with Letters & Recommendations from the Society & those who have intimately known him at Bristol, that have long known him.

for Bristol to morrow

The Society have slip'd no opportunity of looking out for a proper person to recommend to the Court of Directors, and sent for one man from Somersetsh.e in hopes he would have been fit for their Company's Service but he had too much of the Countryman in him & therefore they have since sent him to a Country School in Glos.r 'Tis such an Experienc'd man as this they have sought for the Service, and if you are so far satisfy'd with him as to encourage him to get his wife's consent & engage to accept proper recommendations he will obtain them, and if they are endeavour to satisfactory to the Court, he will give notice to his present Masters to provide themselves, & he will go to another School-master & devote himself to the Service of the Comp.a I am &c

To the Rev.d Mr. Schultze & Dal, Begin. & 62. Mid: Temple

4. April. 1720.

Rev.d & Dear Sir

I heartily condole with yn ~~the Dec~~ for the Death of the excellent ~~Friend~~ W. Grundler by which dispensation of Providence ~~the care of the Mission is devolv'd upon yn, we are~~ brought under a new ~~disengagem.t in prosecuting but~~ the care of the Mission is devolv'd upon yn: may yn by the Grace of God be enabled chearfully to carry on what Mr. Ziegenbalg & he have gloriously begun and ~~doubt not but he~~ may yn not be discouraged at what happens by the uncontroulle appointm.t of God, 'tis his work yn are pursuing, and he will suffer it to advance by such degrees only as may be subservient to his other secret & wise appointm.t

The Letters & Invoices, addrest to Mr. Grundler ~~at~~ from the Society are hereby subjected to yn direction; yn will see what part Mr. Ziegenbalg is to have, and what he is to be accountable to yn for, which together comes to 23: 4: 10½ Sterl. or 83. ounces 5. penny w.t in pl.t of 8. And yn will find by Mr. Boehm's Accot. that yn are to be accountable to her for 9: 7: 6. Sterl. or 33. ounces 11½ in pl.t of 8. ~~put up~~ among the money for the Mission in the Chest N.o 10. mark'd G B. w.ch goes either by Heathcote or by Marlboro. as the Comp.a please to dir.

I shall enclose the Capt.n Receits for these things as soon I can get them & remain with my best wishes for yr. Prosperity

Gent. Yr. most obed.t humble serv.t

H. N.

To Mr Gee Merchant at Fort St George

Middle Temple 14th March 1720/1

Dear Sr

This presents you with a Copy of the Society's last Circular Letter, and somethings lately publish'd which I doubt not may be acceptable to you.

All your Friends of the Society are well, and are glad to hear of your Welfare.

Mr Gurnell and your Lady I'm Satisfy'd write largely to you, to whom therefore I beg leave to refer You. God Almighty protect you in a Climate Subject to so many Accidents and send you home safely in due time to your Family and Friends is the wish of

Dear Sr

Your most humble servant

H. N.

The things Sent to Tranquebar are recommended to the care of Govr Hastings and Govr Jennings—

To Mr Wendy Chaplain at Fort St George

Mid. Temple 14th March 1720/1

Reverend Sr

This prays your Acceptance of a Copy of the Society's last Circular Letter, and some things lately published by them.

I hope they will find you in health chearfully discharging the Trust reposed in You by the Honble East India Compa and that as Occasion offers you will vouchsafe to Favour the Designs of the Society in India, by which you will very much Oblige them. I am

Reverend Sr

Your most humble Servant

H. N.

To Wm Dawsone Esqr Director at ye Ind. Ho

21 April 1721

Sr the Society for promoting Christian knowledge being informed that the Court of Directors have been pleased to appoint

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appoint W. Elwick to succeed in the Govern.
as President
at Fort S. George I am ordered ~~in their Name~~
to request ~~of~~ you would be pleased to
use yr. good offices with the Court for obtaining
a recommendation of ~~the conduct of~~ the
Protestant Mission in those parts to his
Countenance & Encouragemt. I am

Sr
Yr.

N.B. W. Elwick Bro. of the
Gov. of Fort S. George
lives in Freeman's Yard or
Court in Cornhill.

To the Revd
W. Gagnier
at Oxford

Mid. Temple
22. April. 1721.

Revd Sir

You will see what Mr. Negri
has proposed to be desired of you. and the Society
will esteem it as a favour ~~to their Design~~ if
you please to inform them of the Copies of the
Arabick Psalter ~~which you find~~ in the Bodleian
and when you have it in, pray observe according to W. Negri's instructions
also what Copies you have of the N. Test.
~~though we hope to have one from the Pakelax~~
~~in case~~ for fear we should hereafter have occasion
to make that enquiry. I am glad to tell
you our new Font of Types is near finished

and

and as soon as the Society can be ~~p~~ of serve of a good Copy of the Platter the Printer will begin to compose.

I am Rev.d S.r Yr most humble Servt.

H. N.

To the Hon.ble
Wm. Tr. Gov.r Hastings &
Gov.r Jennings
Hon.d Gent.

Mid. Temple
14. March. 1720/1

The ~~kind~~ generous Disposition ~~of~~ you have shewn to promoting the Design of the Society, have encouraged them to give you the trouble of directing those things which are sent on the Heathcote & Marlbro' for the Missionaries to be convey'd to Tranquebar.

All the Parcels mentioned in the Invoice are sent on the Heathcote for the Missionaries & N.o 10. being Silver I believe will be ship'd on the Marlbro', but the Bagg marked H.H cont. weighing 386: 5. dw is sent up in one of the Company's Clerks marked as yr shall be informed (or in some succeeding Letter) ere I close this and is sent by the Society to be added to their Small Fund at Fort S.t George ~~under the Direction of Mr Jennings~~. both this and what was sent formerly is recommended to your care ~~with a Letter~~ to be dispos'd of ~~in Endeavour~~ as

you

you shall think most beneficial for improving
~~in the manner~~ it ^ at your Church Stock is improv'd, and if you
find ~~that by applying the~~ ~~to apply~~ the Interest of it, or even some
part of the Principal ~~if you think it necessary~~ you
at any time
can encourage the erecting & supporting one
or more ~~Schools~~ Schools for instructing the
Heathen at Fort St. George & Fort St. David
~~the knowledge of~~ in Christianity, the Society leave it to your
~~direction~~ ^ prudence to do therein as you shall think
proper, ~~only when either of you shall leave~~
~~Country~~ and desire that you would favour them with
an Accot. of yr. proceedings herein only as
it may consist with your leisure or when either
of you shall resign your Govermt. to come home.
And if you please at the same time to propose
any method by wch the Society may
better establish this little Fund ~~for the Service of Christianity~~
~~to be as to encrease of itself as well as of~~
~~addition to it by improvemt. in India~~ ~~and by~~
additions of Sums as shall from time to time be made by the
^ Favour of the Company ~~to be~~ ~~engaged to~~
they would be very much oblig'd to you ~~for the~~
hand; ~~and also how the profit arising~~
may be applyed to the best to promote the
design of the Society in setting up Schools
for teaching ~~in instructing the Heathen in Christianity~~,
The Society desire to be as little troublesome as
possible in this affair, and therefore would be very glad
~~to be obliged to you to dispose~~ ^ advised ~~them~~ to as com-
^ pendious

dentions a Method as may be for ~~directing~~ managing of it.

~~May~~ you have their best wishes ~~for Prosperity~~ that God ~~Almighty~~ would be pleased to bless ~~& Preserve~~ you person and government, while I have the honour to assure you that

I am Great.

Your most obed. humb.

Be pleased when you favour me with a Letter to signify what may be the charge of Malabaridy at Fort St. Geo. or Fort St. David sufficient Maintenance for a School-master, educated in the Schools at Tranquebar, and what may be the charge of wholly maintaining one Heathen child yearly at each of those places?

P. S. To W. Hastings] I have sent a Copy of this by the Marlborough to W. Jennings.

P. S. To W. Jennings] I have sent a Copy of this by the Heathcote to W. Hastings.

To the Hon.ble
Nathaniel Elwick Esq.r
Gov.r at Fort St. George

Mid. Temple
24. April. 1721.

Hon.d S.r — The Society for Promoting Christian Knowledge having been informd of your being advanced to the Presidentship at Fort S.t George, have ordd me in their Names to congratulate you thereupon, wishing you may long enjoy it with Honour and advantage to yr. self as well as for the Interest of the East India Company, to whom they are under so many Obligations.

The Society have likewise ordd me in their names to recommend to your favour the Protestant Mission on the Coast of Coromandel; it is an Undertaking in its infancy, but by the Smiles of yr. Predecessor has been enabled to maintain it self under the Blessing of God hitherto, and though the progress of it be slow and attended with many difficulties, while the Company, and their faithfull Governours in India are pleasd to Protect it, the Society will not be discouraged from pursuing all the Measures they can to support the Laudable beginning made at Trangquebar.

There has been publishd here at several times some little Accounts of the progress

the Progress of this Design, a collection of wch is herewith sent. I am to pray your acceptance of it. Those Things which have been sent this year to the assistance of the Missionaries were last Month recommended to the care of the Hon.ble Governr. Hastings & Governr. Fleming and the Society not doubt of your inclinations to concur in any of their good offices in behalf of the Mission.

May God almighty prosper yo.r Governm.t & give you the Satisfaction of seeing Christianity advanced among the Heathen in India under your administration, beyond any bounds it has ever yet known: is the earnest wish of

Honoured S.r
Yr. most obed.t humble
Serv.t

To His Grace the Arch Bp
of Canterbury

Mid. Temple.
5. May. 1721.

May it please your Grace,

The Society Yesterday readily Comply'd with Your Graces Recommendation in respect to sending another parcell of French Comon prayer Books to Mr. Ayerst at Paris, and have Order'd me to send them by the first Conveyance 150. Copies of the best sort in 12.mo to which there will be an Addition by a private hand of about 15. or 20. more. The Society did not want Inclination to send a greater Number, but if they had Exceeded the Value of 20 £ they must have give Notice of it to their Absent Members wch in this Case was thought better Avoided: besides more can be sent hereafter upon Demand.

My Lord

My Lord,

I am very Sorry to Inform Your Grace that a private Letter from India there is Advice come of Mr. Grundler's Death at Tranquebar, so that now the Conduct of the Mission lies upon Mssrs. Berlin, Schultz, Del and Kistenmacker of Europeans; Your Grace no doubt remembers how Importunate Mssrs. Ziegenbalg and Grundler were, while Living for a Supply of more Missionaries from Europe, and God Providence has so Ordered it that the Gentlemen above mencond were so long Arrivd before they left the world as to be throughly Initiated in the Business — The Society Recevd this week a Remittance of 80.£. from Mr. Knight a Merchant at Dublin towards the Mission. And they rely on Your Grace's goodness to recommend the Affair of the Arabick N. Testament to my Lords the Bps of London, Winchester &c. as Your Grace shall have Occasion in Order to procuring Benefactions from the Cathedrals &c. in their respective Dioceses —

I don't know whether I acquainted Your Grace that the Dean of York Remitted from them 75£ 4s 6 Collected among his Pdt of the Cathedral &c. And since his Coming to London has Added 12. Guineas more, also being for the Arabick N. Testam.t &c.

The New Font of Arabick Types is finished, except the Numeral figures which we are Obliged to make New Punchions for, the Editor of the Polyglott having Contented himself with the use of Roman figures only we shall have those of Arabia to render it more perfect.

The Copies which the Society have wrote for to Aleppo of the N. Testam.t and Psalter not being come to hand, they would be Glad to be Advised by your Grace whether they may not go to Work upon the Psalter according to the best Copy that can be found in England. Mr. Negri having furnished me in a Letter with several Characteristicks by wch a Genuine Copy might be known, I sent that Letter to Mons.r Vaguier at Oxford to which I have Received the Answer enclosed, and the Society would be Glad to know Your Grace's pleasure therein —

I am

My Lord.

Your Grace's

Most Obedient

Humble Servt.

H. H.

Dr. Wilkins has very kindly promisd to Revise the Sheets, before any thing is wrought off at the Press. And the Society design to entertain Mr. Xeres as an Assistant to Mr. Negri in preparing the Proofs for Dr. Wilkins perusal that it may be as possible for any faults to escape. Your Grace may be pleasd to return the enclosed with Your Commands thereon —

To James Knight Esqr.
at Dublin

Middle Temple London
6th May 1721

Honoured Sr

The Society for promoting Christian Knowledge receiv'd this week by a Remittance from the Revd Mr. Dean Maule your Generous Benefaction of Eighty pounds to the protestant Mission in the East Indies, for which I am order'd to give you their Thanks as well as for your former Benefaction of Twenty pounds by the hands of the Honoble Brigad. Steane, to the same use, and also to assure you that it shall be apply'd as you have desir'd by Mr. Dean Maule viz. 50. pounds to the Danish Mission at Tranquebar and 30. pounds to the Mission in the English Settlements in India.

I lately sent to you a Copy of a printed Letter on the Subject of the Mission wrote by the Reverend Mr. Stevenson, but have forgot by which hand I sent it, which shall therefore be sent again the first Opportunity, and any other Accounts published by the Society which may be acceptable to you.

May GOD abundantly reward your Zeal for his Glory in this Life, and hereafter Crown your Charities with the Lustre & Happiness promised to those who are the Instruments of turning many to Righteousness, are the Wishes of the Society as well as

Honoured Sr

Your most Obliged
humble Servant
H. N.

To Dean Maule at
Dublin

Middle Temple
6. May 1721.

Revd Mr. Dean

I have now both your Letters of the 22d. of Apr. to Mr. Shute and Mr. Hoare before me the Contents of which were Communicated to the Society at their last Meeting and were very Acceptable. Mr. Bridges has paid to Mr. Hoare the 80 pounds Benefaction from Mr. Knight, to whom I have by this post wrote a Letter of thanks, And I am likewise Ordered you would accept the thanks of the Society for your Care in Transmitting it, and that you would in their Names thank the Charitable Bankers who were so kind as to remit the Exchange to London

Your

Your Account of the Foundations at Dublin and Corke for Infirmar
were very Acceptable and the Generous Example of Dr. Stevens and his
Sister, will I hope prompt others to do likewise in Both Kingdoms——

I am not able as yet to give You an Acco.t of the particulars of Mr.
Guy's Charity more than what is Generally said, that he has appropriated
100. Thousand pounds for Building and Endowing an Hospital for
Incurables, besides his Noble Benefactions to St. Thomas's Hospital in
Southwark where he has built 2 or 3 Sides of one of the Squares and given
100. £ p Ann for Several Years past. Mr. Guy is still Living at his
house in Lombard Street, and can still walk half a Mile to save a Shilling
Coach hire, when he is minded to take the Air.

The Society having presented the Revd. Mr. Ayerst Sr. Robt. Sutton's
Chaplin at Paris with Nine Score Fr: Com. prayer Books for the use
of his Chappel when he left England, they have been so well received that
by Several of the Romish Communion and even by some of the Doct.rs of the
Sorbonne, That a fresh supply having been desired the Society at their
last meeting Ordered me to procure and send over 150. more Copies of
the best Edition in 12.mo to which some more will be added by private
hands. You may Judge of the usefulness of such a supply by the
following paragr. in Mr. Ayerst Letter to me of 26. April at
Paris N.S.

" The Contests which have been for some Years past in this
" Country

To Robert Powel Esq.r
at Wilton Glamorganish.

Middle Temple
11.th May. 1721

Dear Sr

I beg You to think it, not want of respect, but a
continual hurry of Business, together with a desire of giving You an agreable
Answer as I hope this may be, has obliged me to postpone acknowledging the
Receit of Your Obliging Letters of the 24.th March and 25.th April.

Not having Leisure my self I have prevailed with a Religious learned
Friend to perase Your Manuscript and fit it for the Press upon Condition he
may have Liberty to make what Alterations he pleases, without giving
the least Offence to the Author, whose Spirit he is love with, tho' he does
not know his person. I shewed him Your first Letter to me wherein I

though

thought you had given me full Commission to make any Alterations I should think proper, but he is not Satisfy'd with that without a more Explicite Permission from You to Leave out, Transpose or Alter any or any part of it from the Begining to the End of it, and that when he has taken the pains to do so, You will allow it to be published at your own Expense.

When you have Signify'd Your Resolution in answer to this, I will lose no time to engage my Friend, in devoting his first Leisure time to do you and me this Service, being desirous to Approve myself

Mr. Shute returns his humble Service to you

Sr
Your most humble Servt.
H. C.

To the Revd
Dr. King Master of
the Charter House

mid. Temp.
19. May. 1721.

Revd Sr. I was to wait on you ~~last~~ Yesterday with an Acct. of the progress of the Impression of the Psalter & N. Test. in Arabick as also with a very agreable Letter from Paris concerning the disposition of the Learned Drs of ye Sorbonne to recomend our Liturgy in France which when I have the Honour to see you shall be communicated.

In the mean time I take leave to acq.t you that the New Font of Arabick Types is just now finished, & the Society are looking out for the best Copy of the Psalter in Arab. which they can find to begin the impression with, till those expected from Aleppo arrive wherein they will have the Sentiments of his Grace the A. Bp and other Learned Persons before they proceed.

The Society have contracted with W. Palmer a Printer in Great Swan Alley near the Charterhouse to undertake the printing part and with W. Solomon Negri the Learned Native of Damascus now in London for the correcting part, and it is wished that the Corrector might be accomodated with a lodging somewhere near the Press to save time & supervise the work with the greater diligence to prevent as much as possible all mistakes; This was no sooner suggested to the Com: of the Society but it occurr'd to them that the Master of the Charterhouse was best able to advise the Society in lodging this good Man.

He pays £1 a Crown a week for lodging now by wch you may judge what accomodations wd suffice, and if a Room unfurnish'd can be had on Easie terms near the Charterhouse W. Palmer offers to furnish it. But were it a favour that could reasonably be ask'd, I'm sure the Society would be glad to have M. Negri lodg'd under the Protection of the Master of the Charterhouse, and then he would be admitted to the privilege of walking daily in your Polite Gardens as a resemblance to the pleasant Groves of Damascus, which M. Maundrell has so Emphatically described, and wch M. Negri reflects on whenever he sees a delightfull place.

I wait perhaps on you more, but in a few days hope to wait on you for your Comands in this and any other respect being Rev.d S.r

To the Rev.d D.r Finch
Dean of York

Mid. Temple
20. May. 1721.

S.r By order of the Society for Promoting Christian Knowledge I am humbly to acq.t you that they have unanimously chosen you a Member of their Body, in hopes ~~& desire~~ you may be pleas'd to accept of their choice. I have herewith cover'd a Copy of their Rules that you may be ~~the better~~ inform'd of their constitution, ~~& and I have the honour~~ ~~at the same time~~ I have y.e honour to Subscribe my self

S.r Y.r most obliged humble
Serv.t H. N.

wrote to the same effect to M.r Edw.d Finch.

To the Hon.ble Charles Boone Esq.r
Gov.r of Bombay Castle
in E. Indies.

Mid. Temple
20.th ~~May~~ April.
1721

Hon.d S.r I rec.d y.r great favour of the 13.th of Sept.r 1719. ~~both~~ by Land & Sea, the Contents of w.ch being communicated to the Society were very acceptable; ~~and~~ they have omitted no opportunity of engaging a proper person to be sent over for a Schoolmaster ~~at you desire~~, and the Comittee of Direct.rs were ~~ready~~ ready disposed to accept of the Society's recommendation & give passage to such a person. But to this day, of ~~all the~~ several persons to whom the offer has been made of recommending them to the Company, ~~none that would~~ none have

been ~~disposed~~ to accept ~~the offer~~ for want of the consent of their friends ^ or some other impediment and indeed the qualify'd persons for such a service are not so numerous but they are ~~easily~~ soon taken up & employ'd here, ~~and~~ ^ nor can the Society ~~will~~ ~~never~~ recommend any persons ~~of a doubtful~~ but such ^ as they are fully satisfy'd ~~they~~ will answer and the ~~time they~~ for departure of the Ships being so far advanced the Comp.a ~~deem~~ ^ your & their expectation. ^ If therefore your Fund ~~is sufficient to make a Beginning~~ to suspend all thoughts of sending one ~~part~~ till we hear from you. In the meantime (if your fund for ~~carrying on~~ erecting & supporting the School be ~~compleat~~, the Society ~~are~~ of ~~opinion~~ ~~I~~ ^ hope it is ~~very likely~~ that in the ~~great~~ variety ~~number~~ of persons resorting to your parts to seek their fortunes you may find ~~some one~~ as fit for such a Service, as has been found ~~they have done~~ at Fort S.t George where the first person they pitch'd upon did not please, the second whom they now have perfectly answers their desires, of wch we rec.d advice just as we were going to send a ~~very fit~~ man over ~~person~~ for the Service, ~~but that person~~ which man is since gone to the West Indies in the like business, or we shd have been glad to have sent him to you.

Your ~~great~~ generosity upon this & other occasions ~~to the Publick~~ has been very much applauded here by several ~~many~~ persons of worth & honour ~~that have not the~~ ~~to know you~~ and may ~~the~~ you live long ~~& happily~~ to see the ~~fruits~~ fruits of your Beneficence ~~Labours~~ in the ~~gen~~ ~~rising~~ of the Society as you ~~the Glory of God & the good of mankind~~ ~~in the earnest wish~~ as of

S.r

Your most humble Serv.t

H. N.

Please to accept the Books herewith sent.

NB. Sent the King's Letter &c.a to the Missionaries
M.r Stevenson's Diary &
Letters &c. the Arab. N. Testam.t Letters between Theoph. & Ingenio.

I thank you for your kind offer of sending Englishmen to Tanjor upon my arrival in England by your Ord.

To the Rev.
Mr. Richd. Cobbe
at Bombay Castle

Mid-Temple
20. April. 1721.

My last to you was of the 24th of Feb. since which time I rec'd your kind letter of the 17th of Sept. 1719. and communicated it to the Society who were not a little pleas'd to find your zeal continue for erecting a Ch. School after you had near accomplished the expensive undertaking of building a Church.

I hope the same blessing which has accompany'd you in one of those undertakings will also attend the other.

The Society were very much pleas'd with your accot. of the Govrs. liberality and the prudence by which the Subscription has been carried, and I am glad to tell you a Gentleman of that the Hon'ble Directors of the E. Ind. Comp. shew an inclination as much to favour a School at Bombay as they have that at Fort St. George, but this Session of Parliamt. wch. is not yet ended, has taken up so much of their time in matters of so great Consequence to their own & the Nations Interest that you are not to wonder if they postpone the consideration of what has been propos'd by the Govrnt. of Bombay, in relation to a School, tho I hope they will signify their pleasure, at least so far as may be necessary to set the affair going. I don't repeat to you what

what I have said to the Gov.r in relation to a
Master because I presume he will inform you
thereof. The Society have the Revd. Mr. Wade
undertook to convey a packet of the Society's small
books to you & I hope he rec.d it time enough
to send it by these Ships; when I have
the honour of another Letter from you
pray let me know who is your Bookseller
that sends over parcels to you that I
may give him some timely notice
of a small parcel wch is too big to be
sent among the Company's Letters, & too little to be
sent by it self: and the Rules of the Judicial
House require an application for leave to send
any thing of 10.l Value (tho' it be apparent
to your School) as of it were 100. l. Val. in
Trade: and when I have addressed the Court
for what is sent yearly to the Missionaries
on the Coast of Coromandel I am afraid
to trouble them with a 2.d address for a small matter.
Cargo to ship
clear
I thought it be
not proper to a Charity School which they are
willing to encourage. May God almighty prosper
your labours and
Please to accept of the books herewith sent
I do believe that I am w.th very great
respect

Rev.d S.r Yr.

To the Honble
W. DeRobethon

Mid. Temple
14. June. 1721.

S.r I have been 2. or 3. times to congratulate you on your return from a Journey wch I hop'd would have establish'd yr. health, but I am sorry to hear of the return of yr. great indisposition, which has prevented my waiting on you in person, to beg your advice & good offices with My D. Townshend ab.t the affair you have so much at heart.

The Society continue their Solicitations for Benefactions from their acquaintance & though they have no reason to complain of their success, considering the hard times we are fallen into, yet they will soon work themselves out of Money to go on with it, if My D. Townshend cannot be prevail'd upon to grant us his Letter to the Treasury for the Warr. for His Majesty's Bounty towards it. Till we have that, we cannot wait on the Prince for his Roy. Highness's encouragement of the Undertaking, and till we know what may certainly be expected from the Royal Family we cannot with success go to the Duke of Chandois & other Noble Lords who we are sure will contribute very handsomely when they see what countenance it has

it has at Court. Mr Delafay tells me My L.
refuses to give his Letter till there is Money in
the Treasury. I beg you would expostulate
with His L.p that we shall be content
to stay for the Money till we can have it but in the
mean time the Warr.t it self will be as
good as Money, if we can find Persons disposd
to advance it upon the credit of the Govern.t as
I hope we may, and at least it will open a
way to our receiving several good Benefactions
before the Nobility & Gentry leave the Town.
We have just finished a New Font of
Arabick Types for the purpose of wch I here-
with send you a Specimen to be laid if
you please before his Majesty, My L.d Townshend
& other great Persons at Court.
I heartily pray to God for the
return of yr. health, so much employd to his
glory, and beg you to be assured that
I am with the greatest respect

Sir

To Robt Hales Esq.
in Arlington Street

Mid. Temple
16. June. 1721.

Dear Sr.

I can't express to you my obligations
for the honour you & yr. good Lady did me t'other day
by yr visit and bringing
the

~~the good Company yonder, pray give my humble Service~~
& thanks to your Lady for it, and to Mr. Warren and
the good Ladies as you see them.

The Bearer Mr. Anderton is recommended to you by
Mr. Matthews of Whalley in Lancashire as you will see by the Endorsm.
by the little conversation I have had with him to
be a very deserving Person worthy of yr. Patronage
Mr. Matthews ~~it seems~~ sh. have S. the Superintendant
of Hesse Cattle instead of that of Hanover.

Dr. Bray & I wish you may help him to recover such a cer-
=tificate ~~as may~~ of his Romish Orders as may be
satisfactory to the Bp of London, to whom your recom-
=mendation will be of great weight to introduce
the good man to his Lordship and whatever favour you
shew him will be an addition to many obligations
~~upon you~~ ~~have~~ conferd on

Dear Sr. Yr. mst obliged humble
Servt.

To the Revd.
Dr. Finch Dean of York
Revd Sr.

Mid. Temple
17. June. 1721.

Hearing yesterday that you intend not
to set out next Monday for York, I omit begging your
& your Brothers acceptance of the Books herewith sent; ~~of which I have~~
~~sent duplicates hoping they may be acceptable to you~~
~~to yr. Revd. Bro & which you seemd to desire which~~
They contain some Accots of what the Society have been
doing abroad, ~~which you seemd to~~ and the Copy of their
last Circular Letter to their Members & Correspondts
~~in Engld~~ ~~last year~~ gives intimation of what they with
~~desire to do~~ ~~themselves is~~ at home of both which you seemd desirous to
be informd of when I had the Honour to wait on
you. I acqtd the Society with yr. apology for ~~not~~
~~accepting~~

~~to excuse the manner they proposed to do to themselves by~~
~~inviting you to their body~~, but that you would give
me leave to assure them of your good offices in pro-
=moting their designs as ~~occasion offered~~ ~~if you were elected to be one~~
~~of them~~, for wch I am order'd to thank you in their Name.

I have herewith sent a few Specimens of the
new Arabick Letter which the Society have just
~~finished for the design you have~~
~~been the liberal Benefactor to~~; They are now
looking out for the most approved Copy of the Psalter
to employ the Press in till the Copies of that and y
N. Test. wch they expect from Aleppo arrive.

I hope in a ~~few post or two~~ few Posts to write to his Grace
of York, ~~having~~ ~~defer'd it hitherto in hopes of~~
and to send him a particular Accot of the
Benefaction ~~to be made~~ to this design. ~~I shall do~~
the same shall likewise be sent to
you ~~from time to time~~ as ~~the best~~ acknowledgmt
that ~~the~~ can be made for ~~that due to you of~~ the great share you have in
promoting the undertaking.

I heartily wish you a good Journey & yr Return
~~you would~~ assure him of my most humble Service, and
~~will~~ believe me ~~with~~ to be with the greatest respect

Sr Yr

Yr most obliged
humble Servt

Capt. Tho. Knight
Mid. Temple 19. June
Mr. of the Duke of Chandos Yatcht
at ye Old Rose in Red Lyon Quay.

The Beaver brings to you
the 2. parcels of Goods I spoke to you of for His Excellency
Sr Robt. Sutton our Embassador at Paris.

J L

I pray you the ꝑ. of them to Calais when I meet yu at Bridges Coffeehouse or leave it at the Bar with Mr. Allen They are to be deliverd to Mr. Sigar Merch.t at Calais who is to convey them to His Excellency. I wish you a good voyage & remain

S.r Yr.

Copy of the Mates Receit for the Goods above

June. 19. 1721.

Recd on bord of the Duke of Chaost Yatch two Cases for the Right Hon.ble S.r Rob.t Sutton Embassador by me

George Weston.

To Mons.r Sigar Merch.t at Calais

Temple London. 19. June. 1721

S.r

I have this day ~~Recd of~~ ~~S.r Rob.t His Excellency S.r Rob.t Sutton~~ ~~at Paris~~ Shipd on bord the Duke of Chaost Yatch the Knight master for Calais two Cases of flints directed by His Excellency S.r Rob.t Sutton ~~at Paris~~ his Majs Embassad.r at Paris which I am directed to recommend to yr. care to be forwarded to Paris or Cambray as you shall be advisd from Mr. Ayerst or some other of His Excellencys Servants by the 1st safe conveyance. I shall send the Rect. for them or a Bill of Lading on bord the Yatch. The Freight to Calais

Calais will be paid here 24 if I can meet with the Master be the Le wind. I shall be glad to hear ~~from you~~ of their going late to yr. hands by a Line directed to ~~me~~ ye Middle Temple London for

S.r Yr. most humble Servt.

Henry Newman

To the Rev.
Mr. Ayerst at Paris

19. June. 1721

Rev.d & Dear S.r

I am asham'd to have been so long in your Debt for yr. Letter of ~~the~~ 29. May N.S. and not ashamed to write till I could tell you of having ship'd the Books you desir'd.

This day I ship'd on the Duke of Chartres Yatch the. Knight Master for Calais Two Chests or Cases directed to His Excellency S.r Rob.t Sutton Embassad. at Paris N.o 1. 2.

In N.o 1. there is put up 238. Fr. Com.r Books 12. of wch are 8.vo & the rest large 12.mo all Gilt & Letter'd on the back & ~~cover'd~~ they may be prayers for pocket.

The Society with great readiness send you this Supply and you are beholden to the good Bp of Ely for 10. Guineas value in the parcel wch His L.p ~~immediately paid~~ gave me upon my communicating yr. first Letter on this Subject

subject may [illegible] a Letter of thanks to his D.[illegible] or a Paragr. in your Letter to me acknowledging for his great goodness on this occasion &c. this. I lost by this means his D.[illegible] Benedic-tion to the Arab. N. Test. I shall meet with it another time.

In N.o 2. you have the Psalm Book and other books mentioned by Col.o Val. I have recommended both to M.r Sejas at Calais but have directed him to wait your orders for conveying them to Paris or Cambray.

Your News relating to our Protestant Brethren & y.r Rob.s successfull interposition in their behalf was very acceptable to the Society & other Friends here, which I beg you to continue to give advice of as occasions happen, and y.r Letters merits.

All our News are being printed & sent over to S.t Robert, it is scarce possible for me to tell you any thing but what you will hear of at S.t Rob.s Court before you find in them.

The Society have just finished the New Font of Arab. Types wch will be more beautiful than those of the Polyglott because we have

have added between 30. & 40. New ones
which were omitted then, partly to save expense,
& partly because perhaps the overseer was
not so critical as ours Mr. Negri. I have lost
no time in sending a specimen, & shall be glad to
receive his opinion of it. We now expect the Copies
of the Psalter & N. Test. wch. we have
wrote for to Aleppo, and for fear of
their endeavouring to get them
way are using means, if we are not too late
sent over Land, wherein the Society
will be glad to be advis'd by His
Excell.cy in the means of effecting
it at the Pub. Charge.
a Warrt. for the 500. l. Daily
this work, but the ill times we are
fallen into, will necessarily delay the
payment of it, so that all we desire
at present is a warrt.
Pray give my most humble Service
to His Excell.cy & be assured I am

Rev.d & D.r Y.r most humble
Serv.t H. N.

I have not acquainted Mons.r Ligar with the Contents of this Coles for fear of giving umbrage but I shall on my return to London keep them a Secret that he might not know I have engag'd him secretly abroad.

Kind at this vessa the enclosed to Jn.
a Ser from me good Trieste to him.
if you please to forward it under cover to our Minr at
Genoa (from whence the Minorca packet
boat goes sure breaking off Correspond.
with Marseilles), it may not be expected as the truth by
Colonel Kane were.

To the Rev.
M. Dean Harris

Mid. Temple.
20. June. 1721.

Rev.d S.r The Bearer Monsr. Du Fresne
is the worthy Proselyte whom you gave me
leave to recommend to you. He was bred
in the Sorbonne and left his Fds and
Prefermt in France for the sake of
Truth; The Comissioners for relieving Proselytes
have sent him into this Country to learn English
in order to qualify him for Orders
where he has acquir'd a very good Character at the same time he
Study'd our Language & is very capable
of teaching French & Latin &c to any
Person of yt. acquaintance who may be
glad of such a Gent. for such purpose.

You know 'tis a small matter only wch
the Comrs are able to allow, and therefore
if any thing else could be obtain'd that
might Your favour to him in recommending
him to such Person will oblige the Comrs as
well as Rev.d S.r Yr. H. N

To the Hon.ble
Col. Lane at
Minorca

Mid. Temple
1. June. 1721.

Honoured & D.r S.r I rec.d your favour of the 16.th of Feb.y via Genoa the beginning of last month and communicated it to the Society who are always glad to hear of yd. welfare, and the Zeal you express in promoting their Designs: It was happy for ye Govern.t here and the Island of Minorca that a person of your Capacity & inclinations for improving the Morals of that unpolished Country was at first sent thither, I hope you will live to see many glorious effects of your care & diligence.

Upon sight of your Letter Col. Gardiner ordered 5. pounds to be laid out in Don Alverado's Dialogues & Pray.r Books, I can have the latter at a Bookseller near me but the Dialogues are not to be met with as I can yet find at any Booksellers but from ye author only: I have followed for Don Alverado, to at 3. of his Lodgings successively and at ye 3. his Landlord & Landlady being gone off, none of the neighbours can give me intelligence where he now lodges, however I have desired some that know him & meet him sometimes in the Street to send him to me.

I shall apply to the Gent. concerned in Parochial Libraries for a Library at their first meeting and hope to obtain a Library for the 2.d place in the Island

for ye

for ye Benefit not only of the Min^rs but of the Officers quarter'd there. This the Min^r alone is to be answerable for any embezlem^t who is by the Rules of the Founders to be ~~has the custody of the whole property~~ the Librarian

Your last Letter to me was open'd abroad & the Gent. at our Gen^ll office wrote upon the outside not open'd by them. So I understand Myy Ld Arch B^p Myy Dr Carpenter & Don Lama=mell's was serv'd. I send this therefore under cover to Sr Robt Sutton's Secry Mr Ayerst at Paris to be forwarded by him to our Minister at Genoa in hopes thereby to secure it from such a Miscarriment.

Your Letters to me may return that way if you please or under cover to Sr Robt de Heuille Post Master Gen^ll at Leyden if that way be more direct. I am

Dear S^r Y^r most obliged humble Servt

H. N.

Mr Taylor whom you recommended to Bombay was immediately noticed on his arrival there to a Lieutenancy by Govr Boon.

Myy Dr Carpenter wrote to you that Myy Ld Arch B^p desired me to direct his Letter to you.

To the Rev^d

Mr Anchmoty

Chaplain Gen^ll at Port Mahon

1. June. 1721

Rev^d S^r. I am glad to understand by Govr Keane that you are safely arriv'd. Pray let me know wherein the interest of Religion at Minorca can be serv'd by the Society. Give me leave to refer you to ~~Col.~~ my Lett^r to Col. Keane for y^r rule and be assured I am

Rev^d & D^r Y^r &c H. N.

To Charles Delafaye Esq.

Mid. Temple
23. June 1721

S.r

This week I had the honour to wait
on My L.d Townshend with a request from the Society
for Promoting Christian Knowledge relating to
relating to His Majtys Bounty of 500.l.
towd the Impression of the N. Test. &c.a in
Arabick, and His L.p was pleas'd to give hopes
of dispatching an order for it as soon as he had
a signification of
receiv'd his Majty's pleasure thereon from his
own Mouth. What therefore I am now to
request of you is that you would be pleas'd
to take any favourable occasion of
reminding his L.p of it, and that beside Naming
the Society above mentioned according to their
Style, that you would make the Money payable
to His Grace the L.d Archbp of Canterbury or his
order for such purpose, to prevent any dispute
there may be at the Treasury about the person
to whom it is paid. You dispatching this as
soon as possible for gaining time to wait on His
Royal Highnes & other persons of distinction
before they leave the Town will very much
oblige the Society as well as
-faling as well as I.t Y.r